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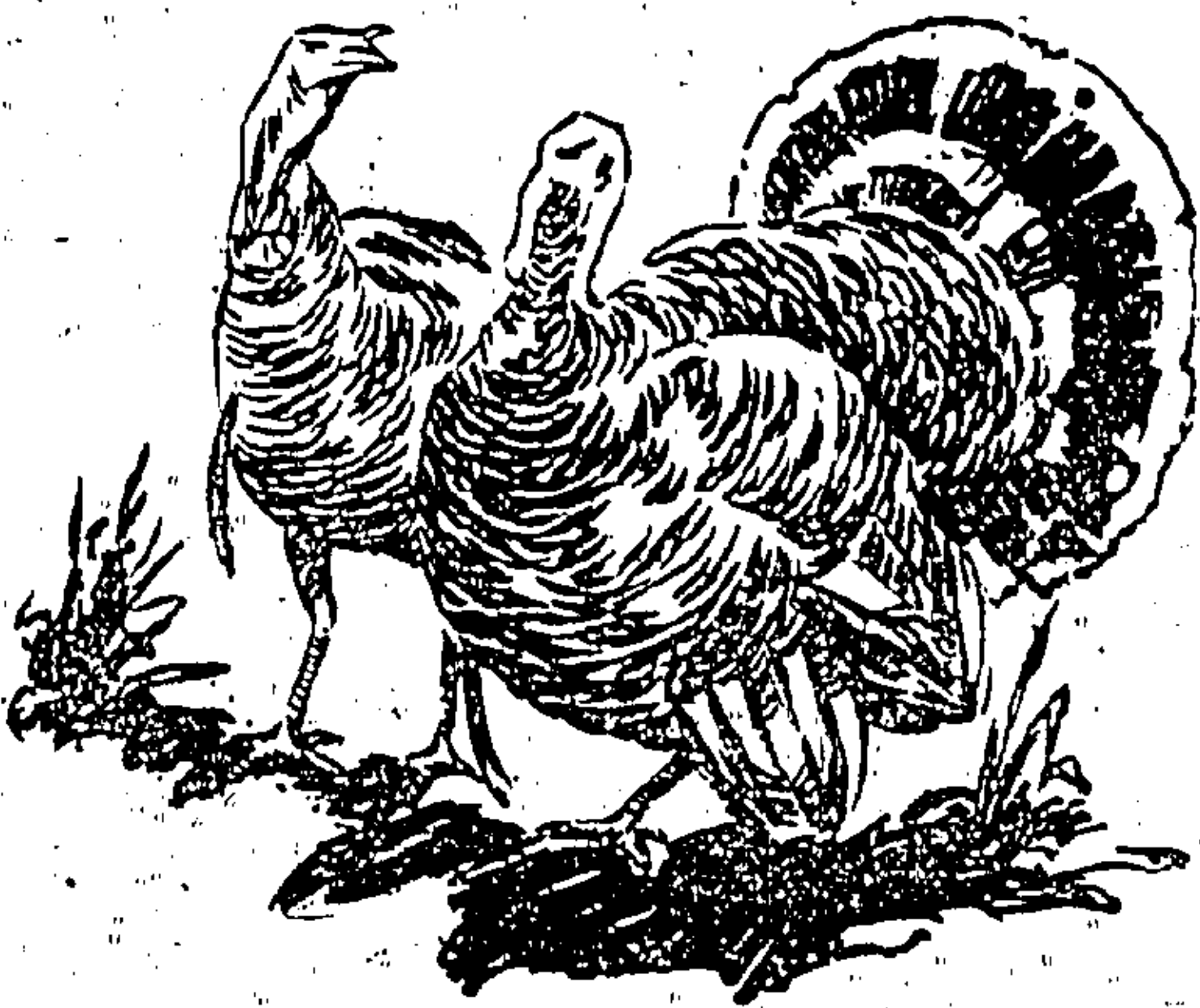
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SATURDAY'S MATCHES IN THE LEAGUE.

TWO STRONG SENIOR TEAMS DEFEATED.

FAIRLY HEAVY SCORING.

Leaders in all Divisions of the English League were successful in their matches on Saturday, which provided a few upsets. Aston Villa had an unexpected surprise at West Ham, while Leeds United had a similar experience as guests of Manchester United. Grimsby and Wednesday did not play owing to the ground being unfit.

Oldham, although playing at home, had to share the points with Notts County. Bradford and the Wolves had a keen tussle, but a draw left them in the old positions behind the two top teams.

Among the heavy scores registered in the Third Division were Plymouth's 6-1 against Crystal Palace, and Brentford's 6-2 against Walsall.

Results as cabled by Reuter and revised League tables follows:-

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham	3	Sunderland	1
Blackburn	1	Manchester C.	3
Grimsby	1	Wednesday	0
Huddersfield	0	Bolton	2
Leicester	4	Burnley	3
Liverpool	1	Arsenal	0
Manchester U.	3	Leeds	1
Middlesbro'	2	Portsmouth	0
Newcastle	2	Derby	0
Sheffield U.	2	Everton	0
West Ham	3	Aston Villa	2

*Postponed owing to ground being unfit.

Division II.

Barnsley	2	Bradford C.	1
Blackpool	3	Swansea	0
Bradford	0	Wolves	0
Bury	4	Cardiff	0
Chelsea	3	Preston N.E.	0
Millwall	3	Reading	1
Notts Forest	5	Bristol C.	2
Oldham	2	Notts C.	2
Southampton	2	Charlton	0
Tottenham	2	Hull	0
West Brom.	2	Stoke	3

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford	6	Walsall	2
Brighton	5	Queen's P.R.	0
Bristol R.	4	Bournemouth	0
Clapton O.	0	Luton	0
Covey	5	Gillingham	1
Merthyr	1	Exeter	0
Newport	4	Crystal P.	0
Plymouth	6	Norwich	0
Swindon	2	Northampton	1
Torquay	0	Southend	0
Watford	2	Fulham	0

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow	0	Halifax	1
Carlisle	4	South Shields	1
Crawley	5	Hartlepool	2
Nelson	2	Abercrombie	1
New Brighton	1	Lincoln	1
Port Vale	1	Tranmere	0
Southport	3	Darlington	0
Stockport	1	Chesterfield	0
Wigan	3	Rochdale	1
Wrexham	1	Rotherham	0
York City	2	Doncaster	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen	1	Falkirk	0
Airdrie	3	Hibernians	0
Ayr U.	4	St. Johnstone	0
Clyde	3	Dundee U.	2
Dundee	2	Partick	0
Hamilton	1	Kilmarnock	1
Hearts	1	Celtic	4
Morton	3	Cowdenbeath	4
Queen's Park	1	St. Mirren	0
Rangers	4	Motherwell	2

LEAGUE TABLES.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

March C.	19	12	4	3	49	31	25
Derby	20	11	4	5	40	35	26
Wednesday	18	11	3	4	44	22	23
Aston Villa	20	11	3	6	46	37	23
Middlesbro'	20	10	2	6	46	34	22
Leeds U.	20	10	2	6	29	29	22
Liverpool	20	0	4	7	32	37	22
West Ham	20	8	5	7	42	36	21
Bolton	20	8	4	8	33	34	20
Leicester	20	8	4	8	30	43	20
Arsenal	20	8	3	9	34	29	19
Burnley	20	8	3	9	42	44	10
Sheffield U.	20	8	3	9	23	43	10
Birmingham	20	7	4	9	37	34	19
Huddersfield	20	7	4	9	27	33	18
Manch. U.	20	6	2	10	20	43	15
Everton	21	5	7	9	28	40	17
Portsmouth	20	6	5	9	22	36	17
Blackburn	20	6	5	9	40	46	17
Newcastle	20	7	1	12	36	61	15
Sunderland	19	5	4	10	24	37	14
Grimsby	19	5	4	10	32	47	14

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:-

Wharves.-Kowloon: Hakusan Maru; Holt's: Tathiyabus; Socony: Laichikok; Standard Arrow; Chiu On: Hydrangea; O.S.K.: Canton Maru; Douglas Lapaik; Haiching.
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A series of playlets and games, all having a bearing on "scouting"

were given, and received with much applause by the large audience.

The curtain rose on a party of Sea Scouts with the Rev. N. V. Halvard, as a shanty man, who gave some excellent songs, "Blow the man down," "Boney was a warrior," "Bound for Rio Grande," etc.

Then it was the turn of the Wolf Cubs who shook the theatre with their "Grand Howl." A little play followed in which a boy selling papers was set upon by other bad little boys and rescued by four small cubs, who, after this practical

assistance, got to work, enrolled the small villains in the pack and reformed them! A jungle dance which followed was enjoyed as much by the Cubs as by the audience, and they finished up by giving a courageous boxing display in which some hard knocks were given and received with the right spirit.

The Japanese troupe followed with a display of Japanese fencing, after which the 2nd Kowloon Company of Girl Guides rallied round their camp fire. Folk dancing, Indian Club exercises, and a Chinese action song, which all went well, led on to the Nigger minstrels

and a small version of Al Jolson who sang "Sonny Boy" with a true American twang.

Robin Hood.

The full company then produced "Robin Hood" very successfully, the cast being as follows:—

Robin Hood E. Zimmerman.
Will Scarlett C. W. Low.
Long Tom Edward Hunt.
Little John J. E. Richardson.
Friar Tuck D. Black.
Allen-a-Dale C. G. H. Christian.
King Richard (in Act I. disguised as The Stranger) N. V. Halvard.
Sir Hugh de Bracey W. A. Mooney.

The Abbott of Newark W. H. Smith.
Martin W. J. Manuel.
Edward C. Dragon.
Godwin E. A. Harneik.
An Old Man A. Elms.
An Old Woman Chan Fook Hung.
The Priest of St. Giles Wong Wing Cheong.
Two Judges Tam Tak Leung, Lee Hau Kwong.
Midland Champion Francis Zimmerman.

Outlaws and Guards:—Ip Chee Chuen, Yeung Tsun Chung, A. Zimmerman, F. Brown, Lam Young Hee, Chan Fook Hong, Tam Kam Pui, Li Kam Lim, J. Youngsaye, Yeung Tsung Luk, A. Hunt, H. Hunt, Ng Tsai Tak, Yu Wing Lun, Tsang Fook, D. Hunt.

(Continued on next Column.)

EMPRESS BOATS AT HONOLULU.

COMPETITION KEENER ON TRANS-PACIFIC RUN.

Tokyo, December 14.—Japan has to meet formidable foes in her mercantile navigation in the Southern Pacific. While navigation in the Southern Pacific North American run by way of Honolulu has been a practical monopoly of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, that company will have to meet with the competition of the Canadian Pacific S. N. Company in future.

A message reaching here to-day from Honolulu reports the first Empress boat, arrived there amidst the enthusiastic welcome of the local community. The first Empress boat that made a call at Honolulu on her way to Vancouver was the Empress of Canada, which arrived there on December 13. The steamer will be followed by the Empress of Asia, the boats making the call on the Hawaiian port regularly on their run on the Pacific hereafter. It is said that the Dollar Company steamers are already making calls regularly at Honolulu.

Before the rise of the curtain and during the interval the Band of H.M.S. "Cornwall" played selections.



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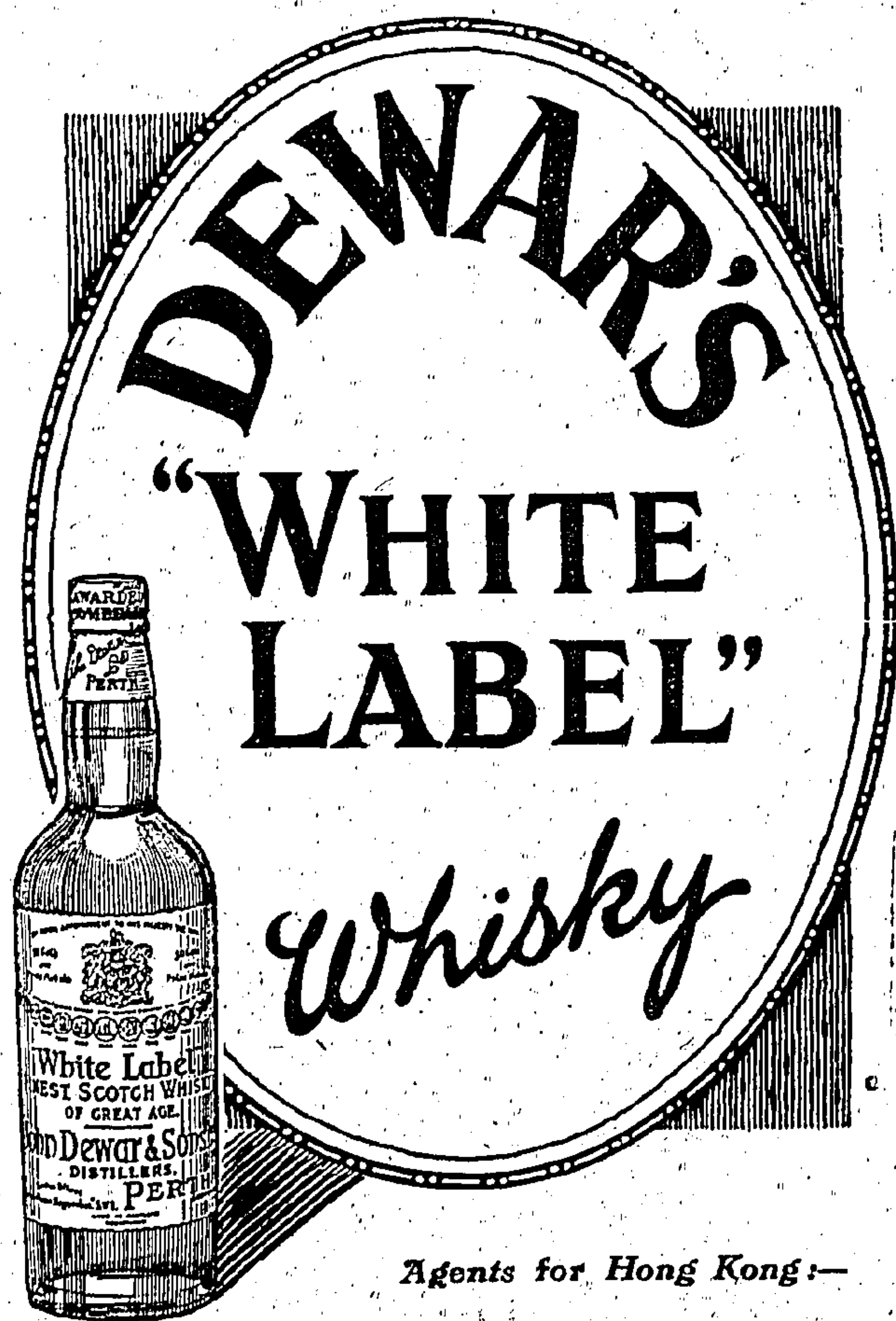
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Shipping							
...	...	...	...	Douglases	...	...	...
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Mining							
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Cotton Mills							
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Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
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Public Utilities							
...	...	...	...	Tramways	...	...	...
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Miscellaneous							
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DAWN ASSHETON AND TAGORE.

GREAT POET'S TRIBUTE.

Dawn Assheton, England's leading coloratura soprano folksong interpreter, tells an interesting story of her visit to the University conducted by Rabindranath Tagore, India's poet. "Of all the bizarre settings for a concert, that was the most picturesque. Squatting about the venerable old poet sat the Professors. Behind them were grouped his devoted students. I opened the programme with an operatic aria that never fails to win the heartiest applause. When I sang the last note for a few moments there was silence. I thought nothing strange of it, for every artist knows that this breathless silence usually precedes a sudden outbreak of applause. This proved the exception to the rule, and I began to feel much worried. Every fraction of a second seemed like eternity. It never occurred to me before what a cruel punishing power is hidden in silence. Frantic thoughts flashed through my mind, trying to reason out why the deadly silence. At last I regained my presence of mind, bowed and made an exit. The violin solos played by Laszlo Schwartz and the brilliant piano solos fared no better. We looked at one another dumbfounded and hardly a word was spoken in the artists' room. From then on I waited for but one thing—the end of the concert. To refrain from a total breakdown I became absorbed in the rhythmic wriggling of hundreds of toes of my barefooted audience, but soon I found that it was all I could do to refrain from laughing aloud. At last the end. Then Tagore came to us and expressed his appreciation in words so deepfelt and sincere that I became more dumbfounded than ever. Finally I dared to ask him why the killing silence? He smiled and assured me that it was the greatest tribute a cultured Hindu audience could pay to our art."

Dawn Assheton and Laszlo Schwartz will be heard at the Hong Kong Hotel on December 26, and at the Peninsula Hotel on December 27.

LONDON THEATRES AND "HOME LEAVE."

(Continued from Page 1.)

Possible Revivals.

Two other plays now taken off but worthy of revival are "The Lady with the Lamp" and "The Sacred Flame." The former is a study of Florence Nightingale, whom we see at various stages of her career. Captain R. Berkeley, the author, has treated his subject in a most interesting manner, and brings home to one the forceful personality of Florence Nightingale, who triumphed over enormous difficulties in order to achieve her purpose. Florence must have been a tiresome busybody to the politicians and military officials of her day, but it was due to her perseverance that chaotic medical arrangements in the Army were swept away and replaced by efficient organization. She had a staunch supporter in Sidney Herbert (who is a delightful character in the play) but he, poor man, was driven to a premature grave by the ceaseless demands of Florence. Edith Evans in the name part was a fine vigorous woman, born to command, and Gwen Frangon Davies was most fascinating as Mrs. Sidney Herbert. The weak part of the play was, in my opinion, the final scene, where poor half-blind and half-witted Florence is invested with the Order of Merit, the first official recognition of her invaluable services to the nation. The irony of the situation is unmistakable, and I think it was not necessary to emphasize it by introducing a comic element.

The Triangle Again.

"The Sacred Flame" is the work of W. Somerset Maugham. The theme is not a pleasant one, and in real life one can hardly imagine a wife, who has been unfaithful to a helpless husband, being treated other than with contempt. The author, however, condones her guilt, and appears to argue that the husband's mother was justified in assisting her son to end his life. The subject of the play provoked a good deal of discussion, for it was an original treatment of the eternal triangle problem, and the play is a serious piece of work which cannot be lightly dismissed. The dialogue was extremely clever, and the acting, with Gladys Cooper in the principal part, was of a very high order.

For those who like to vary drama with musical entertainment, I can recommend "Wake Up and Dream," and "The Show's the Thing" as revues above the average. "Bitter Sweet," an all Noel Coward production, has been extremely well received but, personally I was disappointed with it. "Follow Through," with Leslie Henson in the leading part, is, I think, a very poor show.

"AL" SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON.

GIRLS TRY TO KISS FORMER N. Y. GOVERNOR.

Washington, December 13.—Wearing the famous "brown derby" hat which has been the feature of many a heated election campaign, former Governor A. L. Smith of New York visited Washington to-day and inspected scenes over which he might now rule supreme had it not been for the prowess of one Herbert Hoover and his Republican party.

The visit of the defeated Presidential candidate was in connection with a project for erection of a dirigible mast on top of the Empire State building in New York. Ex-Governor Smith conferred with Navy Department officials who are interested in the idea because of its notional value for the mooring of Navy dirigibles, as well as possible passenger and freight airships on a trans-Atlantic service.

Several girl clerks attempted to kiss the famed "Al" as he strode through the corridors of the Navy Department. He did not rebuff them, but laughingly contrived to evade their overtures while cameramen of the Press, handicapped by poor light, vainly strove to get "snaps" of the scene.

Ex-Governor Smith did not visit the White House. When queried directly, he answered with equal directness that he had not been invited.

Following his conference and a brief inspection tour around Washington, Mr. Smith returned by train to New York—United Press.

London.—While Mrs. Minnie Holmes was in a back room of her shop at Filmer Road, Fulham, the shop was entered and her handbag was stolen from behind the counter. The bag contained £18 in notes and silver.



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HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

"Alabaster!" asked a young woman as the museum guide approached a statue.

"No," he replied, with a slight lifting of the brows, "Venus."

Bobbie: "But why do you reject me? Is there another fellow?"

Bessie: "Possibly! Did you think you were the last of the species?"

"My memory is excellent!" explained the old lady. "But there are three things I can never remember: I can't remember names, I can't remember faces, and I can't remember—I forget what the third thing is!"

She: "Did you see in the paper how some people were poisoned through eating chocolates?"

He: "I fancy I did, but what about it?"

"Nothing, except that I was thinking—er—how very safe we are!"

Auntie was entertaining her two nephews. Putting out two pieces of cake, one much larger than the other, she said:—

"Now I want to see which of you has the better manners." "Oh, Jimmy has!" said Johnny, as he grabbed the big piece.

A doctor who had been called in to see a patient strongly impressed upon him the necessity of drinking the water with his whisky. "Otherwise," he said, "you must not take it at all."

"But how shall I get the hot water?" plaintively inquired the patient. "My wife won't let me have it for this whisky."

"Well, tell her you want to shave," answered the doctor, as he took his departure.

The next day the doctor called again, and when the wife opened the door he asked how the patient was.

"I'm awfully worried, doctor," was the reply. "I'm afraid he's gone raving mad. He shaves every ten minutes."

Vicar: "I was grieved to hear your husband has gone at last." Mrs. Maggs: "Yes, 'e 'as, sir, an' I only hope 'e's gone where I know 'e ain't."

"Didn't he once say he would never speak to you again?" "Yes; but a few days afterwards he saw I had a cold, and he couldn't resist the temptation to tell me a sure cure."

The general knowledge class had been discussing forms of government. The weary teacher at length propounded the question:—

"Well, Simpson, what is the difference between a King and a President?"

"Please, sir, a King is the son of his father, but a President isn't."

A Scotsman, having heard of the wonderful results obtained by being able to rejuvenate, decided to have a course of monkey-gland extract.

He had to make a long railway journey, and at the station book-office he asked for a single ticket.

When asked if he would take a return ticket, the Scotsman replied: "No; I may come back as a child."

In her draped and darkened tent the amateur palmist was telling fortunes for the charity bazaar.

"Ah," she said, with slow impressiveness to the fair maiden who impatiently awaited her fate, "I see by your hand that you are going to be married."

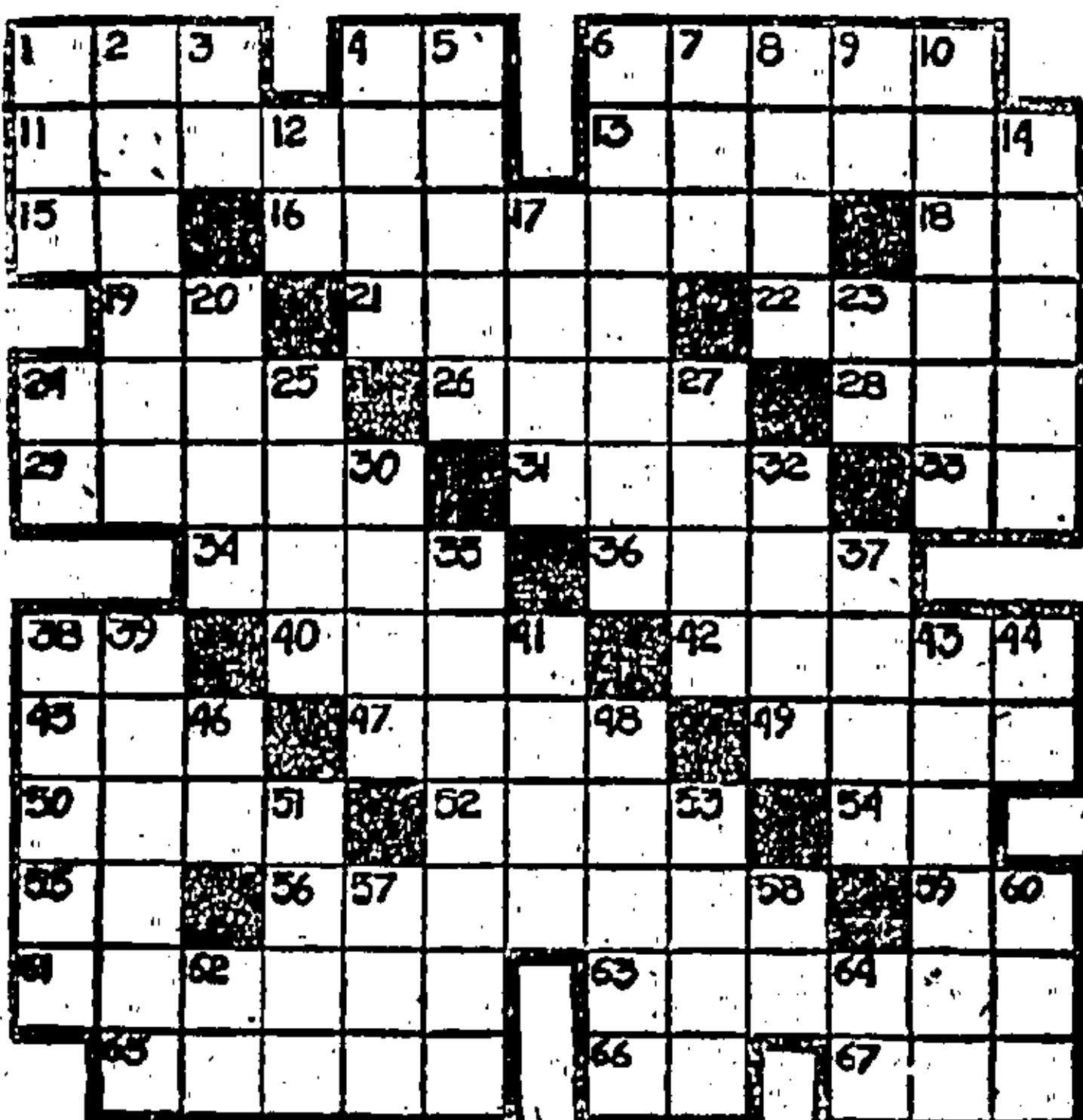
"How wonderful!" breathed the client, with a blush and a giggle.

"And," went on the wise one, a note of acerbity creeping into her voice, "I see the happy one is to be Mr. Binks."

"But, surely," demurred the maid, "you cannot read that from the lines in my hand?"

"Lines!" exclaimed the sibyl, with sudden scorn. "You are wearing the ring I returned to Mr. Binks three weeks ago."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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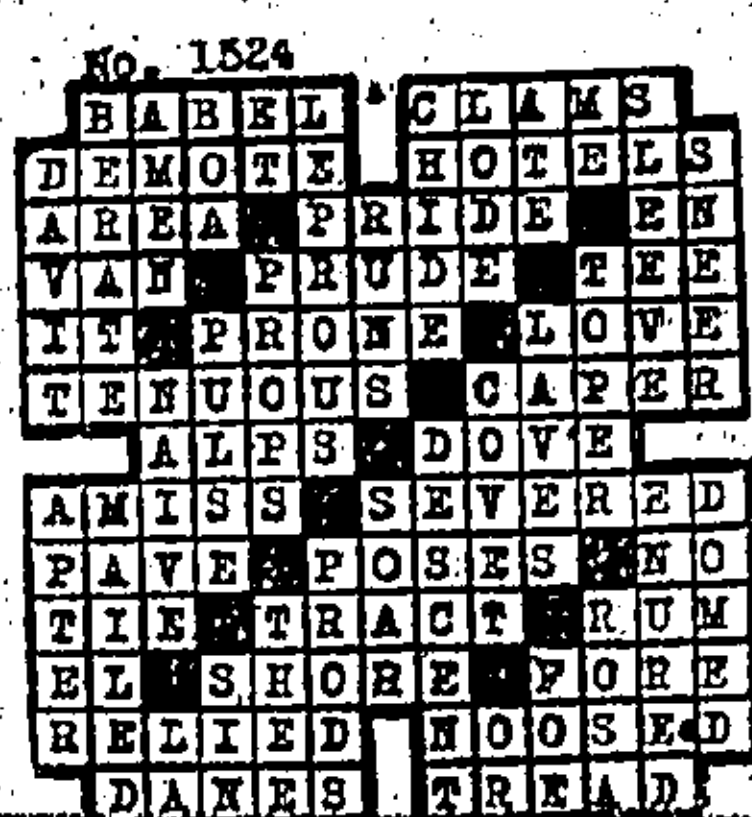
- 1.—A simian.
- 4.—Above.
- 6.—Swift.
- 11.—Goods with raised pattern.
- 13.—Deleted.
- 15.—Conjunction.
- 16.—Deceptive reasoning.
- 18.—Pronoun.
- 19.—While.
- 21.—Head covering.
- 22.—Article of food.
- 24.—Small particle.
- 26.—French for Christmas.
- 28.—Opposed to "to."
- 29.—Luke warm.
- 31.—Horse's gait.
- 33.—Latin for and.
- 34.—To pack.
- 36.—To cense.
- 38.—Army corps (abbr.).
- 40.—Girl's name.
- 42.—Simultaneous discharge of guns.
- 45.—Short sleep.
- 47.—To spill.
- 49.—College officer.
- 50.—A gridiron.
- 52.—Girl's name.
- 54.—Article.
- 56.—Comparative ending.
- 58.—A continent.
- 60.—Within.
- 61.—Ways.
- 63.—Decence.
- 65.—City in Italy.
- 66.—Plural ending.
- 67.—Article.

Vertical.

- 1.—Fuss.
- 2.—Buccaner.
- 3.—Type measure.
- 4.—One of the U. S.
- 5.—Stake marking flying course.
- 6.—Primer.
- 7.—Part of circumference.
- 8.—Recompenses.
- 9.—Exists.
- 10.—Cov.

This puzzle took 23 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN CUTTING BREAD

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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PICTURES AND PLAYS.

Among others, prophets have now taken to the films. An evident wish to warn humanity of perils in the future unless it alters its ideas about war is instilled in "High Treason." The date of predicament—a feared clash between Federated Europe and America—is 1940, but the central conflict is really between the Peace League and the Militarists. The outbreak is finally averted by the murder of the President of Europe before the microphone as he is about to broadcast a declaration of war, a murder executed dramatically enough by the President of the Peace League. As a whole, the story is not particularly real in its effect, but it does not fail to be interesting. Directed by Maurice Elvey, it is a British film of better ambitions than most others hitherto. There is a ready fascination about these pictures of the future, because they stimulate speculation. Here television, the Channel Tunnel, helicopters, and the like have made almost incredible advances within a space of ten years. Very little advance has been made in anti-noise propaganda, however, and a city street, with its hovering aeroplanes and motors, makes a noise like a cattle-pen.

London's latest theatre—the Dominion—which was opened recently is different from any other that has ever been erected in London. It stands in a central position at the end of Tottenham Court-road, near the junction with New Oxford-street and it stretches back over what was once the Meux's brewery site—where, in fact, many years ago (in 1814) the huge beer vat collapsed and eight people were drowned in porter. This theatre is unusual, partly because it is of great size and seats nearly 3,500 people, but largely because of the comfort it affords to everyone in every part of the house, irrespective of price. From the stalls to the top-most part of the balcony, the seats are upholstered in comfort, with space to move and pass. In every part there are large refreshment rooms and decent retiring-rooms, and those who can only afford to pay little for their seats are not reminded of their poverty by a bare board and a garret. In planning, also, the theatre is different from any other. There is space to move. The stage itself is one of the largest in London. It is a hundred feet in depth and forty feet in width, and it has been equipped so that the most elaborate scenic effects may be obtained.

Little Ann Casson, aged twelve, took her first bow as an authoress when her little play, "The Cam-

wells are Coming," was produced at the Children's Theatre, near Bow-street. Because the authoress was Sybil Thorndike's daughter, the 134 seats usually filled by children from the neighbourhood were crowded with adults, critics, actors, and all sorts of grown-up friends. Little Ann's play is, of course, crude, but for a child of twelve she has a remarkable sense of humour. She has noticed that grown-up people quarrel when they are married. She has seen obviously that adults like showing off, and she has perhaps noticed in some friends' houses that the servants are encouraged to tell polite lies. Several quaint ideas of this kind are used with an effect remarkable in so young an authoress. She blushed when called upon for a speech, and merely hugged her handkerchiefs and her boxes of chocolates.

Mr. Arnold Bennett, who complained recently, "I am tired of the English theatre, having written four plays which it is impossible to get on the English stage," is to have a new play produced in Manchester. A copy of his play, which at present is unnamed, will be sent to Mr. Sidney Young, managing director of the Rushmore Repertory Theatre, Manchester, who produced Mr. Bennett's play "Flora." Unless it presents insurmountable difficulties, it will be produced at Rushmore.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

FROM A HOUSEWIFE'S DIARY.

Cold tea is the best medium for getting your curtains up to the desired shade of ecru. Strain the tea and add it gradually to the starch water until the correct shade is reached. Stir well to remove any streakiness. Now immerse the washed curtains, leave for twenty minutes or so, lifting and stirring them occasionally. Squeeze them out, but do not twist them, and hang them fairly wet to dry. You will find your curtains will dry a pretty ecru tint that will last through many washings.

STUFFED CABBAGE.

Stuffed cabbage, served with left-over meat and boiled rice, in French style, is a delicious dish. A loose-leaved head of cabbage is cooked for fifteen minutes in boiling, salted water.

For the filling of the "sausages," take two cupfuls of roast meat, finely chopped, and mix with one cupful of boiled rice, two beaten eggs, one tablespoonful of butter, and seasoning to taste.

Cook the mixture gently for a few minutes, then place a tablespoonful of it on a cooked cabbage leaf, add a bit of butter, and roll up like a sausage.

If you are icing a cake and do not want the icing to run down the sides, put a good sprinkling of flour round the edge of the top of the cake. This will stop the icing from running over the edge before you have time to stop it, and so prevent an untidy appearance.

ORANGE CREAM.

Full advantage should be taken when oranges are in season as they are full of valuable vitamins. Here is a novel way of using them. Take 8 tablespoonfuls of sugar and dissolve in the juice of 9 oranges, and 2 tablespoonfuls of grated orange peel. Beat the yolk of 2 eggs, add to the sugar mixture, when 1 cup of thick cream.

Use a double boiler for cooking and stir constantly until it begins to thicken. After chilling serve with whipped cream.

A very successful method for cleaning ivory ornaments is the following: Stained parts should be rubbed with lemon juice; then with whitening mixed with lemon juice to the consistency of cream: When quite dry, rub off with a soft cloth and polish.

Before darning your stockings hold the sock of new wool over a saucepan of boiling water until it is thoroughly damp, and hang it up to dry. It will then be ready for your hand.

CLEANING TAN SHOES.



This is the season for tan shoes, and often they become badly stained through country walking or bad weather.

As soon as they are taken off, all mud or dust should be wiped away with a clean cloth. Get some warm water, to which a little household ammonia has been added, wring out a soft cloth, rub it on a bar of soap and thoroughly wash the stained parts of the shoes.

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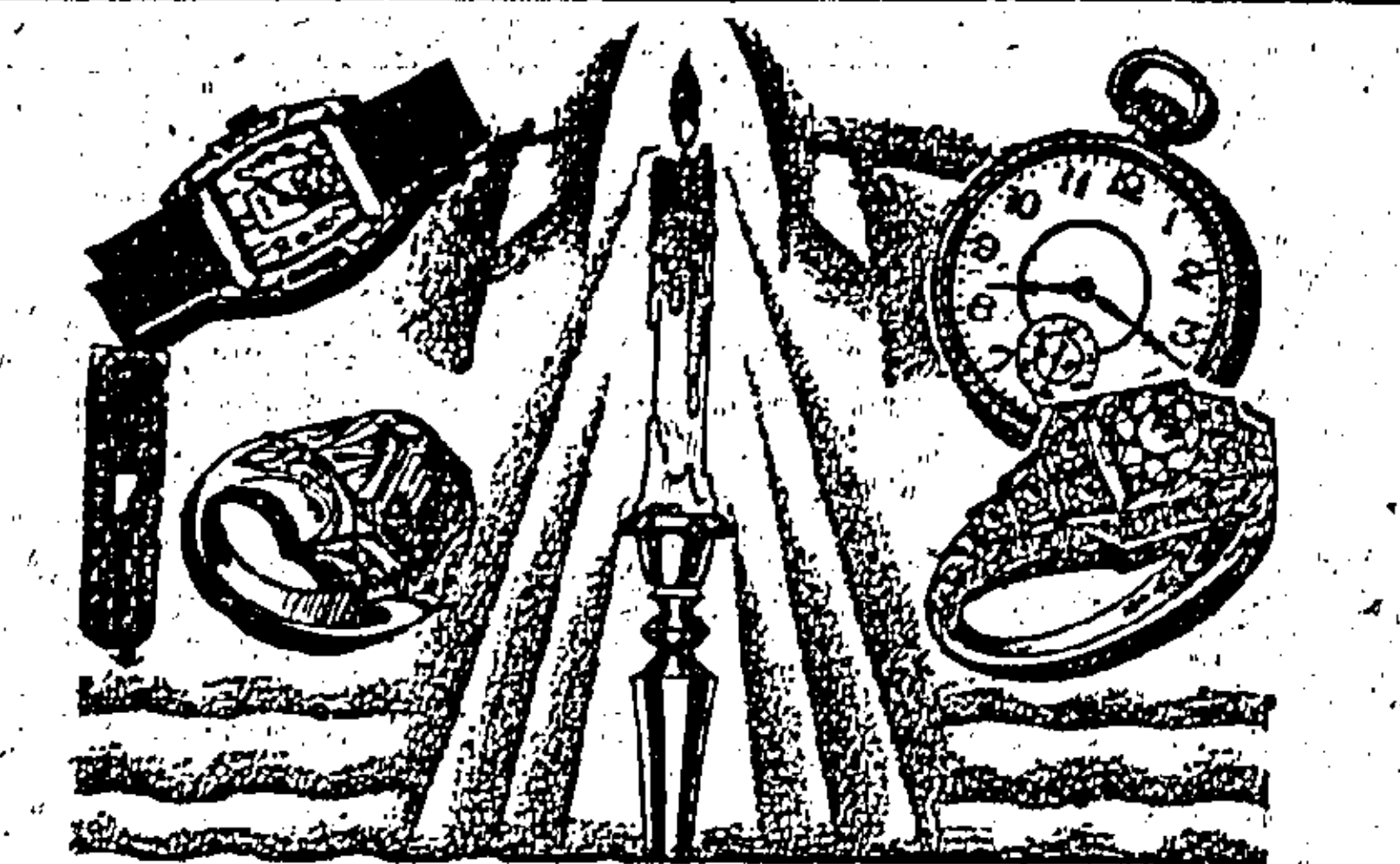
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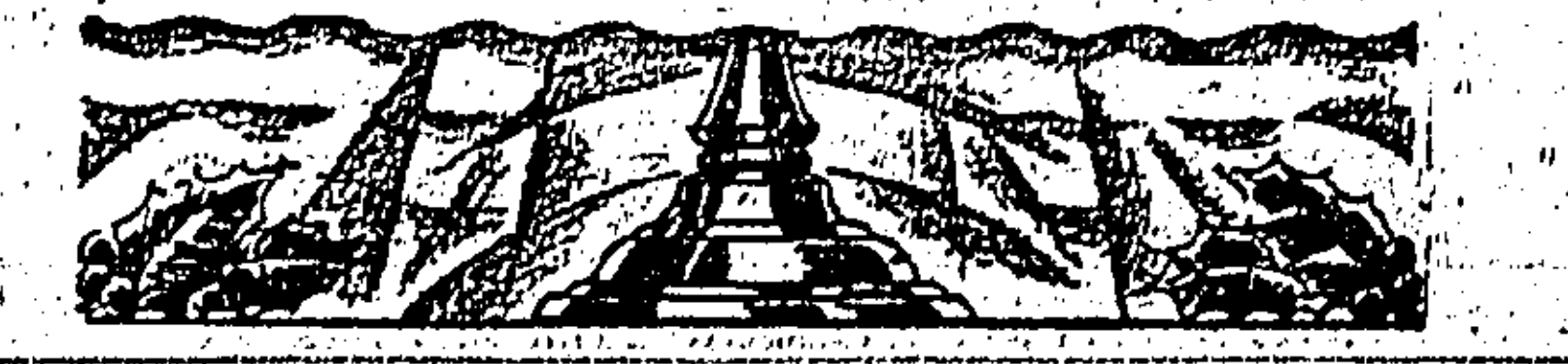
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AN AMALGAMATION PROJECT REJECTED.

Mr. R. G. Shewan, who presided over the annual general meeting of the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., shareholders held at York Building, on Saturday, was able to give a very satisfactory review of the last year's working. Gross profit had increased to nearly \$545,000 as against \$531,000 the previous year, and a final dividend of 9 per cent., making 14 per cent. for the year, had been recommended.

Units sold showed an increase of 29 per cent., and so great was the Company's development that the Directors had sought the service of Mr. A. H. Preece, a well-known London expert, who had reported most satisfactorily on the Company's position and policy.

DIVIDEND FOR YEAR 14 PER CENT.

The Chairman said:—

The net profit available for appropriation, after payment of the interim dividend of five per cent. amounting to \$179,109.74, is \$433,044.81, which we recommend be distributed as follows:—In payment of a final dividend of nine per cent., making fourteen per cent. for the year, absorbing about \$392,000, and in payment of a bonus to the staff of the Company amounting to about \$23,080, leaving a balance of about \$17,945 to be carried forward.

The Working Account shows a gross profit of \$747,186.53 against \$530,641.23 last year, an increase of forty per cent. The number of consumers has increased from 12,945 in 1928 to 13,554 at the close of the year.

Units sold during the year rose to 13,133,528, an increase of 29 per cent. It has been the special endeavour of the Company to encourage and assist users of electricity for power purposes, and with this end in view the rate per unit for power has now been reduced to 7 cents per unit for all motors, while special discounts are allowed on all monthly accounts of \$100 and over. For lighting, our charge, in accordance with our undertaking at the time we began to change our voltage, has been reduced as from October 1 last to 18 cents per unit, with discounts to large consumers.

The Change of Voltage.

In connection with the change of voltage, large areas have been completed and much apparatus, such as fans, etc., has been converted to the higher voltage. Much still remains to be done before a complete changeover can be effected.

With regard to consumers' deposits which amounted at September 30 to \$282,915.05, we have now decided to keep these entirely separate from the Company's funds and to invest them outside the business of the Company. A formal Declaration of Trust in respect of these deposits has been drawn up, and will shortly be available to our consumers for their inspection. Your Directors hope the adoption of this policy is one that constituents of the Company will appreciate, inasmuch as it is one not generally initiated but a step which the Board has decided, to take in the special interest of depositors.

As indicated at the last annual general meeting, an agreement has now been closed with the Government for the supply of electricity to the New Territories. As I said then, we do not expect this branch will show a speedy return; but we are looking to the future and to the great expansion which is now taking place in Kowloon and which must sooner or later extend to the New Territories.

An Expert from England.

In view of the great development of our business last year, your Directors decided that the time had come to obtain the services of a first-class consultant to report on the position of the Company generally and advise us more particularly as to the steps to be taken to ensure our developing on the most modern scientific lines. For this purpose we engaged Mr. A. H. Preece, of the well known firm of electrical engineers, Messrs. Preece, Cardew & Rider, of London, to come out from Home and thoroughly investigate our position from a technical standpoint. This he has done, and your Directors are pleased to tell you that his preliminary report is a most satisfactory one to us and especially as regards the steps to be taken in respect of the development of our undertaking.

Hong Kong Electric Co.'s Offer.

Before concluding, I have to mention that in March last we received an offer from the Hong Kong Electric Co. for amalgamation on the basis of an exchange of shares in the proportion of one share in the Hong Kong Electric Co. for every six of the 720,000 shares which at that time comprised the issued capital of this Company. This proposal was given,

very serious consideration by your Directors, and after some negotiation the Hong Kong Electric Co., on May 23, wrote to us stating that unless we were willing to accept one of their shares for every five of the 600,000 shares in the China Light & Power Co., the Directors of the Hong Kong Electric Co. were unable to recommend amalgamation to their shareholders.

The advantages of amalgamation were not lost sight of, but having regard to the future prospects of this Company, the terms offered by the Hong Kong Electric Co. were found unacceptable by your Directors.

The pioneering efforts of this Company, attended as they were with discouraging results over a long period of years, have now begun to be rewarded, as the accounts before you clearly show. Further large capital expenditure will, however, have to be faced in order to cope with the increasing demand for electrical energy on the mainland; but, in view of all the circumstances, we anticipate that the expenditure will be fully justified.

Bonus to Staff.

I think I have now covered all the ground, but before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I would like to mention that the proposed appropriation of about \$23,080 in the form of a bonus of one month's salary to the staff is one which your Directors trust will commend itself to the unqualified approval of the shareholders. The satisfactory results of the year's working have been produced by the united efforts of the personnel of all departments of the Company's business.

I now beg to propose the following resolution, and after it has been seconded shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders:—"That the report and accounts as presented to this meeting be adopted and passed, that a final dividend of 9 per cent. on the paid up capital of the Company be and is hereby declared in respect of the financial year ended September 30 1929, that a bonus be paid to the Company's staff equivalent to one month's salary amounting to about \$23,080, and that the undivided profits of the Company amounting to \$433,044.81, less the above appropriations, be carried forward to Profit & Loss Account for the financial year, 1929/1930."

Mr. C. A. da Rosa seconded.

Tribute and Honourarium for Directors.

Mr. B. W. Bradbury, in proposing an amendment, said:—"Gentlemen,—We have all listened with the greatest pleasure to the Chairman's speech on the working of the Company for the past financial year. It is a review on which we may all heartily congratulate ourselves, and it holds out hopes for the future regarding which we have every reason to be satisfied. After many years of patient waiting, we may now fairly hope that the Company is at last beginning to reap the benefits of its enterprise. That the Company has been through very difficult and anxious times, we must all agree. That the difficulties and anxieties, inseparable from a pioneer venture, have at last been successfully met and overcome, we can entertain no reasonable doubt. For this success we are no less indebted to our Board of Directors than to the members of the Company's Staff. As a shareholder of long standing and holding a not inconsiderable interest in the Company, I think I can safely say that the shareholders heartily endorse the recommendation for the payment of a bonus equivalent to one month's salary to the entire staff. They have justly earned this recognition of their good services in the splendid results presented to the shareholders to-day."

Whilst recognising the excellent work of our staff, I must not withhold shareholders' full need of praise to the gentlemen of the Board who, I feel sure, must have given of their best in time, thought and anxious care, in the best interests of the shareholders, in order to achieve the very excellent results which they were capable of placing before us.

Most of us are aware that the Board had been faced with unusual and complex problems during the past year. The solution of those problems called for the exercise of tact, good judgment and foresight. That they were resolutely faced and, happily, as successfully overcome in a manner entirely satisfactory to the shareholders, the report and statement of accounts before us and the Chairman's speech, which we have just heard, bear eloquent testimony. It is with very great pleasure, therefore, that I propose an amendment to the Chairman's resolution, viz., that, in addition to adopting the report and accounts as presented, a further appropriation of \$10,000—the equivalent of one year's fees—be made as an honorarium to the existing Directors, as evidence of our appreciation of their painstaking labour on our behalf, to be divided as may be agreed amongst themselves. I shall be glad if someone will kindly second my proposal.

Mr. M. O'Brien seconded.

The report and accounts were then adopted, as amended by Mr. Bradbury's motion.

Other Business.

The following business was also transacted by the meeting:—

Re-election of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. Leg. Hon., as directors—proposed by Mr. C. F. Menham, seconded by Mr. A. H. Rumjahn.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, as auditors, at a fee of \$1,250 each firm—proposed by Mr. S. M. Churn, seconded by Mr. M. O'Brien.

Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

LESSON SERMON.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST HONG KONG.

"Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force?" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist on Sunday, December 21.

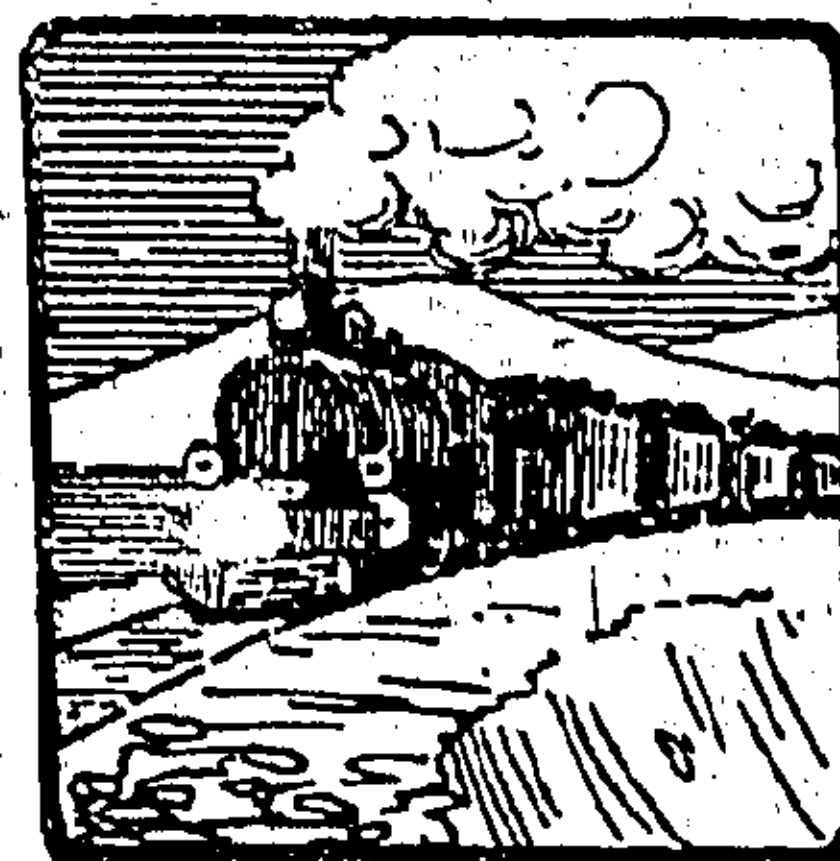
The Golden Text was: "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (11 Cor. 4: 6).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality, and power" (Col. 2: 8-10).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christian Science presents unfoldment, not accretion; it manifests no material growth from molecule to mind, but an impartation of the divine Mind to man and the universe" (p. 68).

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SUBMIT.LEADING GENERALS MUST
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 22.

Further fighting in the Kwangtung-Kwangsi war is not expected, as the Canton Higher Command is trying to effecting a settlement by negotiation in accordance with instructions from Nanking. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, in a lengthy cablegram to the Canton Government, urges that it would be better if the Kwangsi rebels would lay down their arms and surrender rather than continue the costly campaign. General Chen Tai Tong will suggest that the Kwangsi armies should repudiate their leaders, including Wong Shui Hung, Li Tsung Jen and Lui Woon Im, and submit to Canton. This is being put to them in the form of a demand, compliance of which would mean the end of bloodshed.

According to General Chen Tai Tong's terms all the leading Kwangsi Generals must leave the Province as a condition of peace. After this is done the Kwangsi armies will be reorganised under the direction of General Chen Tai Tong and Kwangsi will be administered by Cantonese officials. General Yu Han Mo, a trusted subordinate of General Chen Tai Tong, having been mentioned for the governorship.

The strength of the Cantonese forces in Kwangsi is now about three divisions. Most of these troops are in Wuchow and vicinity and they will not move into the interior, unless the negotiations now in progress fall through.

All the Nanking troops in Canton are about to go back to Nanking to take part in Chiang Kai Shek's campaign against Tang Seng Chi and his allies. The 3rd Nanking Division under Chen Chi Ching has already arrived in Canton from the north front and is waiting for ships to take them back to Nanking. The 5th Nanking Division will also leave Canton for the North after the 3rd Division.

MR. CHUNG WING KWONG
HONOURED.DISTINGUISHED CANTONESE
EDUCATIONIST.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 22.

Mr. Chung Wing Kwong, President of Lingnan University, has been given the degree of LL.D. by St. John's College, Shanghai. After receiving the degree Dr. Chung left Shanghai for Canton, and on his arrival in Hong Kong he was greeted by a group of representatives of the Institution, including Prof. Clinton L. Lord, Dean of the College, Prof. Henry Chase Brownell, Mrs. R. Knapp, and Mrs. James M. Henry. The party and other friends gave Dr. Chung an elaborate banquet at the Hong Kong Nam Tong Cafe.

Upon arriving in Canton Dr. Chung was given a great welcome by students and professors, who came to the wharf in a decorated motor boat to greet the University president and escort him back to Lingnan. The University campus was also appropriately decorated for the occasion, and an imposing palladium had been erected near the front entrance. The entire student body, in uniform, and over a thousand in number, lined up on either side of the long esplanade.

Later a meeting was held in the garden of the Primary School and speeches were delivered. A walking stick with appropriate inscriptions and a piece of silk embroidery with the Chinese character "Wing" in the centre were then presented to President Chung. The day was declared a general holiday and in the evening Dr. Chung was the guest of honour at another elaborate banquet given by the University community. Practically every student and member of the teaching staff attended and later in the evening a motion picture show was given in Swasey Hall. No admission charges were made.

Dr. Chung has had a distinguished career in Canton, having at one time been Commissioner of Education of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung. He has served Lingnan in various capacities for 30 years continuously, and is largely responsible for the growth and development of the Institution. He has made half a dozen or so trips abroad and has obtained over a million dollars in voluntary contributions from overseas Chinese. He has brought with him from Nanking to Canton an expert American engineer and architect by the name of Mr. Murphy. This gentleman, who is a technical adviser to the Nanking Government, will remain in Lingnan for some time to help with the developing of the University.

MR. BREWER AND
THE INSTONE
BANK.SECRETARY GIVES
EVIDENCE.MORE ABOUT THE BALANCE-
SHEET.

The hearing of the case against Noel Instone Brewer, who is charged with offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in connection with the affairs of the Instone Banking Corporation, was continued before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham on Saturday.

Mr. P. C. Leo, Secretary of the Instone Bank, was the only witness called, and gave evidence regarding the balance-sheet concern in the case.

Mr. Leo said that as Secretary he kept the minute-book of the bank. From this book it was seen that a meeting of the Directors of the Instone Bank took place on June 8, where a balance-sheet was approved and signed by the Directors. The minutes of that meeting showed that it was decided that this balance-sheet was to be printed.

Asked by Mr. Fitzroy who entered up the minutes of the meeting of June 8, witness said that it was in Mr. Brewer's writing, and bore Mr. Brewer's signature. There was a meeting on June 18, the minutes of which witness kept.

The Auditor Again.

As regards the balance-sheet which was approved by the Directors at the meeting of June 8, after it had been approved some of the Directors pointed out that since a good number of the shareholders were Chinese, it would be advisable to translate the balance-sheet and profit and loss account into Chinese for their convenience. Witness was told by the Directors to carry out this suggestion, and he examined the balance-sheet in question, but found that there were certain terms which he did not quite understand, so he arranged for the auditor Li Tung to assist him. Together they translated the balance-sheet on June 9 (Saturday) and forwarded a copy of it to the printers.

In the course of translation, stated witness, an alteration or change was made by the auditor. Prior to sending the copy to the printer, witness took it into Mr. Brewer's office with a view to letting the latter see the alteration, but Mr. Brewer was not in.

When the printer's proof arrived one or two days later, witness again took it into Mr. Brewer's room, but he was not there and the balance-sheet was shown to Mrs. Brewer, who asked several questions about the alterations and ordered that the auditor be sent for. Witness telephoned Mr. Li Tung, but could not say what then transpired; later he saw the auditor's signature on the proof.

At a subsequent date witness said twenty or more proofs were received. Mr. Brewer, said the witness, was not in the office during this time.

No Chairman!

Regarding the general meeting of shareholders which was fixed for June 18, witness said Mr. Brewer was indisposed on that date. This fact witness announced to the shareholders who had turned up for the meeting, and suggested that a chairman be elected to conduct the proceedings. It appears that while this step was generally approved, no one was willing to serve as chairman.

Witness' evidence on this meeting was not quite clear as it was apparently stated in the minute-book that in spite of the absence of the President of the Bank, and notwithstanding the fact there was no chairman, the meeting passed the report and accounts and re-elected two of the Directors. Asked to explain how this could be possible since there was no chairman, witness said these were matters on the agenda, and consequently were brought up for discussion and generally approved, although a date was fixed for a meeting to be held later on to discuss these matters officially.

At the adjourned meeting, said witness, shareholders had copies of the balance-sheet. These were received from the printer in completed form nine days before the adjourned meeting.

The Court proceedings will be resumed this afternoon.

HAICHING PIRACY.

SUSPECTS REMANDED FOR
ANOTHER WEEK.

Lam Hing and Chan Ma Ying, both described as Hokios from Nanshan, made a second brief appearance at Central Magistracy on Saturday, when they were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with the murder of Mr. Kingsley Frank Woodward, third officer of the pirated steamer Haiching.

Chief Inspector Reynolds, prosecuting, applied for another formal remand of one week in police custody, which was granted.

SHOPLIFTERS GET
SIX MONTHS.CAUGHT AT THE SWATOW
LACE SHOP.

Two shoplifters who attempted to steal 22 yards of silk from the Swatow Lace Company, Peddar Street, were caught in the act and, when brought before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham on Saturday, sentenced to six months' hard labour each.

According to the evidence, the men entered the shop on Thursday evening and said they wanted to buy some silk. They were shown a number of varieties, but failed to find a pattern that suited them.

They returned on Friday at about 1 p.m., walked to the end of the shop and again asked to be shown some silk. An assistant recognised them as the prospective customers of the previous night and, anxious to close a deal, brought out a large array of silks for their inspection.

While they were examining the goods the first defendant, who was dressed in European clothes, picked up a roll of light blue silk (22 yards) and handed it to his accomplice, who immediately tucked the roll under his Chinese longcoat.

The theft was seen by the manager of the shop, who promptly recovered the silk from the person of the man with the longcoat. The shoplifters were not in the least dismayed, and the one in European clothing promptly suggested to the other that he buy two yards of the silk, with a view to getting the foks to do some business rather than concern themselves detaining thieves. The shop-people, however, decided that the police should be called, and a police-whistle soon brought a constable on the scene.

Impudent Defence.

The first defendant told the magistrate that he had been commissioned by some ladies to purchase some silk, and for that purpose he was in the Swatow Lace Company's store. While examining some goods, he heard a "row," and saw a man in a long Chinese coat (the second defendant) being accused of theft. Accused himself knew nothing of the matter.

The second defendant said he could not understand the attitude of the people in the shop, as they went in to make a purchase, and while examining several rolls of silk, was accused by a foks of trying to steal one roll. He had done nothing of the kind.

Mr. Grantham, on convicting the men, asked if they had any records. The police produced these to the Magistrate, who, after reading them, remarked: "Ah, I see, they have both been banished!"

Inspector Shannon: "Yes, your Worship. There has been a lot of this going on. Respectably-dressed people have gone into shops and stolen things when they were not watched. Ladies have also complained of the loss of their handbags while shopping in town recently."

Mr. Grantham: Six months' hard labour.

STONES ON PEAK TRAM-
LINE.BOYS' THOUGHTLESS
PRANKS.

Two Chinese schoolboys who were caught on Friday last putting stones on the Peak Tram line, near Macdonell Road, were each sentenced by Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham to twelve strokes.

A Chinese inspector of the Peak Tramway Company said he was on the 1.10 p.m. down tram from the Peak. Nearing the bridge at Macdonell Road he saw one of the boys stooping over the lines. Sensing something mischievous, the Inspector rang the emergency bell and the tram was pulled up.

Witness got out and gave chase to the boys, managing, with the assistance of a coolie employed by the Company, to catch one of them. This boy was taken to the tram-station and later handed over to the police. The rails were examined, and it was seen that the boys had laid twelve huge pieces of stone on the track.

The police made inquiries and subsequently traced the boy who had run away.

An official of the Peak Tramway Company stated that the stones were quite liable to derail the tram. One of the defendants pleaded guilty, but the other denied having placed any stones on the line, although he admitted having played near the tram lines with the first boy, who, however, insisted that they were both implicated.

Mr. Grantham: Why did you do it?

Defendants did not answer, and were sentenced to twelve strokes each.

It was stated in Court that there were sixteen passengers on the tram when the time

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN CLAIMS AND
TEACHING.[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I do not think there is anything very formidable in the "inconsistencies" in Christ's teaching put forward by "X." In the passage "If any man come to me and hate not his relatives (named) and his own life, also, he cannot be my disciple," I should imagine the word "hate" is a bad translation. But what the sentence obviously means is this:—"You must put Me and what I teach first. Before your own life, before your relatives. If you are my disciple you must be prepared to fight your relatives. You can't desert Me because your wife tells you to." Every great cause makes a similar claim. What did We think of a man who refused to go to the War "because of his mother?"

I think any Greek scholar would agree that "take no thought for the morrow" would be better translated, "Fret not yourself about the morrow," a very different thing.

On the eve of the battle of St. Vincent, Sir John Jervis, with the French fleet in sight having issued all necessary instructions, made his will, and went to bed, sleeping like a child, and waking fresh for the battle. In such manner Joffre and Foch and Haig conducted the Great War. But most of us do, to our cost, "Fret about the morrow."

It is perfectly true that while Christ gave the doctrine of loving your enemy—and studying his point of view—He can be fiercely denunciatory. There are people who by lies and intrigues upset any community. There are "sons of perdition." But the burden of Christ's teaching is that improvement is possible, and must be met half-way—though that half-way may involve pretty severe measures.

In the whole Gospel narrative there is nothing more tragic than the "offering of the sop" to Judas, the final appeal, a little intimate honour, to a thoroughly bad man.

Much of the attack on Christ is due to the idea that He is soft. Kindness and gentleness there is, but on occasion an adamant hardness. Again and again He says in effect, "You soft people are no good." Are not these the qualities of a leader and of a physician?

As to the passage: "I judge no man" and "All judgment is given to the Son." Frankly I cannot find the passage. "I judge no man," but "I came not to judge the world." Which is different. If "X." would kindly give me the other reference, perhaps the context will help.

However, the question of judgment is frankly one for theologians. What I want is to know if there is some doctrine of Christ's on human conduct—and there "are many—which is not fully defensible and entirely useful.

The question of accepting or rejecting Christ's charms to Divinity must rest with individual judgment. What I say is that the words attributed to Christ are an infallible guide to conduct, and I still want instances to the contrary. When it comes to "the experts," Charles Gore and Harnack, to mention only two, are pretty heavy weight on the orthodox side. But the whole of the Higher Criticism is built on shifting sand, and is little more than "theorising."

I don't intend to wrangle with Paul Vainne over the merits or demerits of local clergy, but I know a few points in the good old English sport of "parson baiting," and can recognise a certain type of "criticism." When the news of the existence of our "specimen book" leaked out it stopped the kind of fulminations, most of them anonymous, which it contained, and made people turn over in their minds whether they really had a grievance and whether they were not being childish, before dashing to the writing-table.—Yours, etc., R.B.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21.

"THE GEISHA."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Now that the Philharmonic Society's production of "The Geisha" will be coming to an end to-night, after what has appeared to be a most successful season, it may be confidently expected that the producer will be called before the curtain to make a few remarks.

It will be interesting to see if some explanation will be forthcoming as to the reason why the services of that very excellent musical director, Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., were not retained. While in no way meaning to criticise the abilities of Mr. Bakaleinikoff who, at the last moment kindly came forward and took over the duties of conductor by courtesy of the Hong Kong Amusements Ltd., it does not alter the fact that Mr. Fitz-Earle, having orchestrated the entire music for the Society, and having worked conscientiously from the outset, should have been retained throughout all the performances.

(Continued on next column.)

TWO WEDDINGS.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

BANKS—HANKIN.

Two weddings were celebrated at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, when Miss Florence Banks, B.A., of Raffles Girls' School, Singapore, and Holme Llack Farm, Preston Lancs., England, was united to Mr. Edward John Hankin, master mariner of Bournemouth, England. The second couple were Miss Marinette Hahnemann, of Prilly, Lausanne, Switzerland, and Mr. Eloi Edouard Bougon of La Felix Villas.

Miss Florence Banks, B.A., is the daughter of Mrs. G. A. Banks of Preston, Lancs. She was given away by Mr. D. Bishop, M.A., of the Raffles Boys' School, Singapore, and Mrs. Bishop was her matron of honour. The bride travelled to Hong Kong on the s.s. Khiva with Mr. and Mrs. Bishop. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Father Riganti and Mr. S. Steele was "best man."

The bride looked very charming in a dress of beige georgette and carried a bouquet of red carnations. Her "going away" dress was of blue crepe de chine. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Helena May Institute where the newly-married couple received the congratulations and good wishes of their friends, leaving later for Cheung Chow Island where the honeymoon is to be spent.

HAHNEMANN—BOUGON.

At St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, Miss Marinette Hahnemann of Prilly, Lausanne, Switzerland, was united to Mr. Eloi Edouard Bougon of La Felix Villas, Hong Kong. The bride was given away by Mr. G. Curvillier, and the "best man" was Mr. C. Arnulphy. Following the ceremony a reception was held at 12, The Peak, where the usual toasts were given, and good wishes offered to the bridal couple. The honeymoon is to be spent at Baguio, Philippine Islands.

RAZOR FRACAS ON BOARD
SHIP.ONE MAN SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED.

A desperate razor fight took place on board the British steamer Libera lying in harbour on Saturday afternoon, resulting in three men being taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Full details of the fracas are not yet available, but it appears that three of the 3 Arabs in the crew aboard the ship quarrelled in the Mess Room and razors were brought into the ensuing struggle. All three received cuts about the body, while one of the men received a deep cut in the throat and is in a very serious condition.

It is understood that the aggressors will appear before the Police Magistrate this morning.

Seeing that a "last moment" change was made, it seems to me very evident that there must have been some disagreement between himself and the producer. An orchestra is an integral part of a musical production, and, as such, I question if there is anyone in Hong Kong to-day more competent to occupy the position of musical director for the local Philharmonic Society than Mr. Fitz-Earle. If he were not eminently efficient for the post he holds, he surely could not retain the position he does in this Colony.

Having witnessed the "first night" of "The Geisha," there certainly were flaws here and there which might have been remedied, but unless a producer and a musical director can work in harmony, it is impossible to make a thorough success of things. It is presuming too much to wish to aspire to the position of both producer and musical director at the same time. As a producer, Mrs. F. G. Hunt has received the appreciation of the large audiences which have flocked to the Theatre Royal during the past week, and any weaknesses, whether individual or collective, seem to have been overshadowed by the *tout ensemble*, which was excellent.

Not having witnessed the show since the 14th, there is no doubt that with confidence instilled in some of the members of the company, the production will have considerably improved since, and the few members of the cast who showed pathetic signs of being too self-conscious, bordering on almost stage fright, will have recovered from nervousness ere this, and I am looking forward to seeing a vast contrast to-night from the "first night," and I hope Mrs. F. G. Hunt will make some reference as to why the services of Mr. Fitz-Earle were not retained throughout. He should be entitled to share with her the honours which will no doubt be showered upon her to-night.

In conclusion I wish to state I hold no brief for Mr. Fitz-Earle, as I do not even know him except by reputation and by sight.—Yours, etc.

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HONG KONG AS AN AIRPORT.

BEFORE next summer Great Britain should have air routes all over the world that will vie with existing shipping routes. Part of the Cape-to-Cairo service will be open, and by the end of next year it is expected the whole route will be in working operation. Services from London to many important Continental points are now as commonplace as the "tube" of the metropolis, and the service to India is already well established. The provision of air-ports is no longer regarded in England as a matter of local pride or prestige, but of sheer common-sense. Flying has "arrived," and no commercial centre of importance can afford to neglect such matters as the provision of air-dromes and landing-places. Recent accidents to passenger-carrying liners and other air-planes must not be allowed to obscure the fact that air transport is perfectly safe so long as a machine is not compelled by circumstances beyond control of the pilot to land outside an air-drome or landing-place. Fog is the airman's worst enemy. Even to traffic on the ground and sea level fog is always a danger, but the motorist and the seaman can minimise the risk by going dead slow and by coming to a dead stop when it suits him. The airman cannot do that. Right at the beginning of aviation it was seen to be an essential weakness of the aeroplane that it cannot go slow. At all cost it must keep up speed, and the cost may be disaster. The aeroplane, therefore, since, if it is caught in fog, it charges blindly on at a rate of a hundred miles an hour or more—must avoid the fog if it can or, if it cannot, get above it or through it as soon as possible. The great flying men, like COBBHAM, record not a few occasions on which they found themselves flying in thick fog with mountains ahead, unable to rise above the fog-banks, and not knowing when the barrier would suddenly appear before them. Some such misfortune appears to have befallen the unfortunate men who were attempting a non-stop flight from England to Capetown.

Out here in the Far East there are immense opportunities for the rapid development of air services. Distances in China are tremendous, and ground transport—whether by road or river—difficult and slow. As H.E. the Governor said the other evening, at the inauguration of the Hong Kong Flying Club, the possibilities for aviation in China appear to be limitless, and this being so, it is only proper that this Colony should take its place as one of the best air-ports in the Far East. With a view to arousing public interest in the possibilities of flying, and to organising that interest in a convenient and effective form, the Hong Kong Flying Club has been established.

lines upon which this organisation has been set going are simple and yet comprehensive. Provision is made for active flying members, subscribing or associate members, and for honorary members. The former will pay a larger entrance fee, and subscription, and will be called upon to sign a declaration to the effect that in the event of the Governor declaring a state of emergency, a flying member will place his services at the disposal of the Government, subject to any obligations which may attach to him as a member of the Flying Club. This pledge is in consideration of the financial assistance received from the Government, which naturally desires to secure the services of the Club in the event of a crisis. The entrance fee for flying members is \$30 and for subscribing members \$20. The former also pay a monthly subscription of \$5 and the latter \$3. It is also the intention of the Government to give special facilities to members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps for free instruction in aviation on terms to be decided by the Governor in Council.

With the establishment of the Hong Kong Flying Club there should be an awakening of public interest in all branches of aviation. There is no obvious reason why Hong Kong should not become as important a centre for air-transport as it is for shipping, provided the necessary ground facilities are available for those who need them. Just as a steamer flying a flag whatever is free to enter the harbour to land or pick up passengers and cargo, so will airplanes of all nationalities be given similar opportunities to pursue their lawful occasions. Further, interest in flying will be stimulated among those who at present may be inclined to regard aviation as a subject of very remote concern. In England there is very keen interest, being shown in flying, as may be seen from the Air Ministry report recently issued on civil aviation during 1928. From this it appears that eleven light aeroplane clubs operated throughout the year, while agreements with two further clubs came into force, bringing the total of "approved" clubs to 13 by the end of the year. The total membership of these clubs on December 31, 1928, was 3,388, representing an increase of 50 per cent. since the end of 1927, and of this number 473 held civil pilots' licences, 355 of these having qualified for their licences on club aircraft. The increase in the number of civil pilots is reflected in the increased number of privately-owned aircraft, of which 178, including 44 belonging to subsidised clubs, were in service on December 31, 1928, as compared with 110 and 58 on December 31, 1927, and December 31, 1926, respectively. During the present year there has been further substantial progress made along the same lines.

Excellent though the results of the subsidised light airplane movement have been, it has been for some time apparent that under the existing scheme only a small proportion of the widespread and growing demand for flying training and facilities could be met. Proposals have, however, been submitted by National Flying Services, Limited, which seem likely to meet this demand for training facilities and for the development of internal flying without proportionately heavy demands on the State for financial assistance. This company propose to establish near London and at provincial centres where the demand exists, civil flying clubs and concomitant amenities. They have undertaken in this connection to provide and maintain, directly or indirectly, 20 new air-dromes and 80 landing grounds within three years.

This Colony must not be left behind in the matter of providing air-dromes and landing places. I am sure that a projected service from Berlin to Peking in five days, and when that line is established Hong Kong must get in touch somehow with the former capital. If Germany can maintain a service from Berlin to Peking, Britain should be able at least to provide another link in the chain, and extend the service to Hong Kong. But Germany is spending a lot of money on her air services. Details were recently published of the various State subsidies included in Germany's national balance-sheet for 1928-9. These subsidies for the Reich included \$565,000 to Lufthansa for its European service, besides a smaller sum for services outside Europe, and \$170,000 to several firms as assistance towards the renewal and development of apparatus used in the construction of airplanes. The Reich also assisted in the construction of air-ports, with a sum of \$28,000, of which \$12,500 is allocated to Koenigsberg alone, while a further \$23,000 were loaned to communes explicitly to aid the construction of air-ports. Finally, the German flying school received \$165,000—making a total expenditure on State aid for aviation of nearly one million sterling for the year. With such support it is not difficult to plan big schemes, but the Hong Kong Flying Club has official backing only to the extent of \$20,000 a year, exclusive of a grant of \$30,000 towards initial expenses. It is a small and modest beginning, but with enthusiasm plus experience the movement just initiated should develop an air-mindedness in this Colony which will be of immense assistance when the opportunity comes to make full use of that tempera-

News and Views.

Two cases of small-pox were reported on Friday. Both were Chinese.

The name of Mr. L. E. C. David has been added to "the list of authorised architects."

Tenders are being invited for the construction of a reinforced concrete ferry pier near Wilmer Street.

The name of the New Territories Building and Agricultural Development Company, Limited, has been struck off the register.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Dr. D. K. Kumaramany Pillai to be a member of the Midwives Board, vice Dr. R. E. Tottenham, resigned.

H.M.S. Vindictive will leave England about the end of February, with relief crews for the Yangtze gunboats, the Tamar, Petersfield and Iroquois.

The King's exequatur empowering Mr. John Theophilus Bagram to act as Honorary Consul-General for Siam at Hong Kong, has received His Majesty's signature.

The Hong Kong Benevolent Society with to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, a splendid gift of blankets from a donor whose identity was not disclosed to them.

The Clover Flower Shop, Ice House Street, is offering special home made marmalade, whilst turnips grown in an English garden, without manure, may be ordered as per sample to be seen in the shop.

A contract for twenty-two locomotives for the Bengal and North Western Railway, for which tenders were submitted by leading British and Continental builders, has been awarded to the A.E.G. Company, of Berlin.

The names of Mr. Donald Black, Member of the Society of Accountants (Edinburgh), and Mr. Ernest Albert Henry Udy, Member of the Federal Institute of Accountants (Melbourne), have been added to the list of authorised auditors.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. Thomas Stodart Whyte-Smith to act as Police Magistrate, Kowloon, with effect from December 10, and Mr. Walter Schofield to be an Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, with effect from December 16.

Admission tickets (available for scholars) to the New Territories Agricultural Show can now be obtained, upon application by the principal or headmaster, by the D. Bush, Hon. English Secretary, P.O. Box No. 71, stating the number of tickets required.

The licence fees in respect of motor buses are to be revised as from January 1. Buses not exceeding 40 cwt., unladen, will pay \$120 per annum, whilst buses above that weight will pay \$240. In addition, there will be a further \$10 in respect of each seat for passengers.

We are informed that an auction of surplus costumes will be held from the stage after the final performance of "The Geisha" to-night. "Takemini" will conduct the auction, with "Wun-hi" as his clerk, and it is anticipated there will be considerable "back-chat" between the two.

The following new regulation has been made under the Ferries Ordinance:—"18a. No person shall use or attempt to use for the purpose of travelling on any ferry vessel any season ticket not originally issued to him or not intended, according to its terms of issue, to be available for his use for such purpose."

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturdays, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. The Christmas Vacation begins on December 24, 1929, and ends on January 1, 1930 (both days inclusive).

Russian Club.
The Russian Club which owes its existence to the efforts of Mr. Vroketzky and M. M. Veliki was opened at 8, Salisbury Road, Kowloon, on Saturday night. The premises are very pleasant and an enjoyable evening was spent by about 40 members and their guests. Among the latter were Mr. Robinson, of Kowloon Cricket Club, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. Popoff, Miss Kelly, Mrs. Carey, Capt. Legge, and others. Refreshments were served during the evening.

FIVE KILLED IN AIR CRASH.

AMERICAN PLANE DOWN.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. Five persons were killed in a terrible air crash at Bolling Field to-day.

The victims include Mr. Kaynor, a Member of Congress, his secretary, an Army pilot, Captain Hadingar, and two mechanics.

A Fatal Turn.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. The pilot at the Bolling Field air tragedy was Captain Dinger of the Air Corps. The fatal machine was a triple-engine Fokker assigned for the personal use of the Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Davison. Apparently the pilot attempted a left turn after climbing 300 feet. The plane hovered, then crashed. The House of Representatives has adjourned as a mark of respect to Mr. Kaynor.

DEATH OF M. LOUBET.

HIS WORK FOR "ENTENTE CORDIALE."

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 20. The death has occurred, on the eve of his ninety-first birthday, of M. Emile Loubet, former President of the Republic and one of the originators of the Entente Cordiale.

M. Loubet was born in 1838, at Marsanne, Drome, where he practised as a lawyer. He began a political life by interesting himself in municipal affairs and while a comparatively young man he became mayor of Montelimar.

A close friendship existed between him and Carnot and they entered the Chamber together in 1878. Nine years later, after Loubet's election to the Senate, he became the leader of the extreme Left, and on Dec. 13, 1887, he entered the Tirard Cabinet as Minister of Labour, becoming later Premier and Minister of the Interior. M. Loubet's Presidency was notable for the strengthening of the Franco-Russian Entente and for the Dreyfus case. But his most important work was the inception of the Entente Cordiale in co-operation with King Edward VII. It was the action of the latter, then at Gibraltar, in sending his own naval escort to greet Loubet on his visit to Algiers that caused the President to invite the monarch to visit Paris on his way home—an invitation which he insisted on accepting despite the misgivings of the then British Government.

M. Loubet retired from politics at the end of 1905. His successor at the Elysee was M. Fallieres.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The first performance of "Ali Baba" was given at the Catholic Union last evening before a crowded house. The series of performances is being given in aid of funds to provide Christmas treats to poor children and poor people. "Ali Baba" was a rather ambitious selection for the Catholic Union to take up. The performance, nevertheless, was a very creditable production, great trouble being taken with regard to detail, and much time devoted to rehearsing. The cast was as follows:—Ali Baba, Mr. M. J. Deneberg; Ganem, Mr. F. H. Barnes; Cassim Baba, Mr. C. dos Remedios; Abdalla, Mr. E. Mil Deneberg; Hassarac, Mr. F. B. da Silva; Miza, Mr. L. dos Remedios; Hassan, Mr. G. Osmund; Orobrand, Mr. C. M. Soares; Morgiana, Miss Mafalda Barradas; Zide, Miss Maria Barradas; Morgiana, Miss F. Ribeiro. Those taking the parts of robbers, attendants, guests, etc., were as follows:—Messrs. F. Franco, G. Soares, C. Botelho, H. Campos, A. Barradas, J. Barradas, J. Campos, G. Osmund, E. Osmund, L. Rodrigues, F. da Rosa, J. F. dos Remedios, J. Lopes, L. Remedios, C. Franco, etc.—Hong Kong Daily Press, 23, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

In the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Francis, Chan Seng Chow summoned the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company for \$20, damage done to a cargo boat by being run into by defendant's launch. Mr. Aitken, of the Dock Co., appeared in answer to the summons and admitted the damage, but said the amount claimed was excessive. He had offered to have the boat repaired, but the plaintiff told him he only wanted the money. The damage did not amount to more than \$5 to \$8. The plaintiff, in answer to the Judge, said he had not had the damage repaired. His Lordship told him he could not recover until the repairs had been finished. The plaintiff, on being informed of Mr. Aitken's offer to repair the boat, said he was willing to accept it if the boat was repaired by a Chinese boatbuilder, but he did not wish it to be repaired by foreigners "because it would leak." Mr. Aitken said he would have it repaired by a Chinaman, and the case was adjourned for a week on the understanding that this should be done.—Hong Kong Daily Press, Dec. 20, 1929.

WANCHAI FIRE.

THREE HOUSES BURNT OUT.

FIREMEN DO GOOD WORK.

Three houses in a block of five adjoining the Wanchai market, and opposite the Post Office, were completely destroyed last night in a fire which spread very rapidly to the upper floors.

The buildings, about five years old, are of the three-storey type, the ground floors being used by tradesmen and the upper floors as dwelling quarters.

At 5.55 p.m., a chorus of police whistles announced the start of the fire and simultaneously a quantity of fire-crackers which were part of the stock-in-trade of the shop where the fire began, commenced to explode. Joss sticks, paper and other inflammable material which were in the shop soon made it a blazing furnace.

This house was No. 250, and both the houses on either side—a tea-house at the corner of Tai Yuen Street and a general store at the market end—were burning in every floor, sending out dense clouds of smoke and flames.

Four fire appliances were on the scene at about 6.15 p.m. and tackled the situation energetically. Some difficulty was experienced at the commencement owing to insufficient pressure of water, but this was soon remedied. The fire-fighters attacked the fire both from the front and rear of the block. Hoses were taken to the upper floors of the opposite houses and the roof of the rear block, giving a very effective angle of attack. A fireman perched on top of an extension ladder reaching to the third floor helped to direct a powerful jet of water into an attic on the top of the building, which blazed furiously. Probably some goods of an inflammable nature were stored here.

The firemen worked unceasingly for almost three hours before they returned to their stations. It was hard work under risky conditions, for as soon as they arrived some of them went to the roof of the unaffected part of the block and satisfied themselves that none of the inmates had been trapped.

Narrow Escapes.

So far as is known, no lives were lost, nor was anyone injured. One of the firemen earlier during the operations was overcome by fumes from a floor which he entered to investigate. Members of St. John's Ambulance Brigade quickly carried him to a ground floor of the opposite building, where he recovered in a short time. The Indian, Mongkok, Y.M.C.A., and Kowloon Divisions were represented among the ambulance men present and they were prepared for any serious emergency, which fortunately did not arise.

Excellent order was maintained and anything approaching a panic among those living in the neighbourhood was averted. All the inmates in the affected block got out together, and others in Tai Yuen Street were in readiness to clear if necessary. It was fortunate that there was a scavenging lane at the back which acted as a handicap to the fire spreading in that direction.

While the fire may have caused much anxiety to many people, the people in the market almost next door took it as a matter of course. Selling of meat was going on as if nothing at all had happened.

The efforts of the fire fighters were responsible for the two houses in the block close to the market being saved, except for water damage to the contents. The roof of the centre house (the joss paper shop) fell in, taking the floors with it. The houses on either side were completely burnt out, only the masonry work remaining.

At the moment nothing is known as regards the insurance of the buildings or stock, or the actual damage done.

Whilst the fire was at its height, all traffic was suspended along Queen's Road between Arsenal Street and the Wanchai monument. The Hong Kong Hotel buses thus had to follow the route along the new Praya, which is the regular route of Tramway buses.

A huge crowd gathered to watch the fire, the flames being highly spectacular, and the sky lit up for a considerable distance. By 9 o'clock, normal traffic conditions were restored.

YEN MAKES HIS CHOICE.

TO SUPPORT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

DECISION AT LAST!

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 22. Yen Hsi Shan's long-awaited circular telegram outlining his policy was issued today. It is signed by Yen Hsi Shan, Chang Hsueh Liang and a number of other Generals.

The signatories declare that they have advocated demobilisation, despite all difficulties and hazards, but the storm of war continues to rage. The Reorganizationists have availed themselves of the opportunity to "fish in troubled waters" for their own advantage.

"If we look on, strife will spread throughout China, therefore we swear to support the Central Government, and the unification of the nation. We will co-operate with the Government to fight the trouble makers, despite our love of peace, and dislike of fighting."

It is understood that Yen Hsi Shan has been granted control of all the armies north of the Yangtze.

YEN HSI SHAN SOUGHT BY ALL.

NANKING AND THE "REBELS" CLAIM HIS SUPPORT.

[FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22. Has Marshal Yen Hsi Shan really allied himself with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek against the "rebels" under General Tang Seng Chi, and does that mean that Marshal Chiang will be able to consolidate his position?

Although he has succeeded in warding off the attack on Kwangtung by the "Ironclads" and the Kwangsi forces Marshal Chiang is still faced with the problem of how to win over Marshal Yen Hsi Shan before he can deal with the Kuomintang, which are on the move to aid Tang Seng Chi. Meanwhile the ex-Peking war lord Wu Pei Fu is appearing again in Szechuen province and is busily recruiting his former troops for participation in the anti-Nanking movement.

The latest news from Nanking official agencies can be summarised as follows:

Marshal Yen Hsi Shan is mobilising three divisions of Shansi troops to march across the Yellow River against Tang Seng Chi's rear. He has put General Shang Chin, his chief subordinate, in charge of the campaign.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has wired to Generals Han Fu Chu, Hsi Ching Chun, Liu Ching Shih, Yu Shu Han, Liu Ching Shih, Wang Ching Yu and Wei Yu Shan, etc., to the effect that they should take orders from Marshal Yen Hsi Shan, the Vice-Chief of the National Army, Navy and Air Force, for the purpose of suppressing the rebel Tang Seng Chi.

However, news from other sources contradicts these reports. It is rumoured that General Tang Seng Chi's forces are in conflict with Nanking troops in Central Honan or Hsinyang and that General Tang is being backed by Yen Hsi Shan. It is also said that Marshal Yen is to head a coalition including Generals Wang Ching Yu, Liu Ching Shih, Han Fu Chu, Yu Shu Han, Wang Ching Yu, and Shi You San against Nanking, and to attack by the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, while General Tang Seng Chi and the Kuomintang will invade Hupei, with Hankow as their objective.

The general opinion is, however, that Marshal Yen would not side with Marshal Chiang nor would he co-operate with the extremist clique of the Kuomintang. His suggestion of peace means that he will not aid Marshal Chiang in Central China.

FENG CROPS UP AGAIN.

KUOMINCHUN AGAIN ON THE MOVE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 21. This morning's papers print the text of what is alleged to be a letter from Feng Yu Hsiang to Chiang Kai Shek, dated December 12, wherein the Kuominchun leader critically reviews Chiang's actions for the past two years. He winds up by calling on Chiang to resign.

"Your resignation would be a blessing to the nation," he says.

In the meantime vernacular papers declare that the Kuominchun is again marching eastwards, occupying Loyang without resistance.

Yen Hsi Shan's expected statement of his position still hangs fire, but if true, reports from Taiyuan appear to show that Yen is definitely for the Government, for it is stated that Feng recently attempted to leave Chiensan, but guards held up his car, and asked his destination.

Feng stated he had an important interview with Yen, whereupon the guards telephoned to Taiyuan, and learned the statement was not true. They reported Feng back to his house. However, this report is at present unconfirmed.

DECREASE IN FLYING ACCIDENTS.

PILOTS TAKING LESS RISKS.

BRITISH FIGURES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, Dec. 21. A striking decrease in the number of accidents to Royal Air Force aircraft has resulted from the standardisation on all British service machines of the Handley-Page Slotted Wing safety device and other safety measures. Though considerably more flying has been done by Royal Air Force machines in 1929 than in any previous years, the number of accidents has dropped by nearly half as compared with last year, and the killed have diminished by approximately one third.

In 1928 there were 84 accidents and 83 deaths. In 1927 the figures were 37 accidents and 54 deaths. In 1925 there were 50 accidents and 70 deaths. And this last year the numbers have fallen to 31 accidents and deaths to 42.

Parachutes, with which all service air men are now equipped, were directly responsible during the year for saving 10 lives.

The decrease in the number of accidents and fatalities has occurred during a period when there has been an increase in the number of squadrons from 81 in 1926, to 75, as well as an increase in the speed of machines.

Apart from safety devices, it is thought that one explanation of the improvement may be the fact that pilots are now trained more slowly and carefully, and are led to regard flying as the part of a definite profession rather than as an amusing sport. They are consequently less inclined to take unnecessary risks, and have ceased to admire the recklessness of some of the wartime pilots.

BEEBY COAL AWARD.

APPEAL TO BE HEARD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Dec. 22. The Chief Justice, Sir Adrian Knox, has signed the summons directing an appeal against the Beaby Coal Award. The case will come up before the High Court on Monday.

NEW POLISH PREMIER.

PILSUDSKI NOT TO BE DICTATOR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WARSAW, Dec. 21. M. Bartel, Premier from June 1928 to June 1929, has accepted a commission to form a new Cabinet. He is a supporter of Marshal Pilsudski under whom he formerly served as Vice-Premier.

His appointment is regarded as an indication that Pilsudski does not intend to rule as Dictator.

INTERNATIONAL TRAIN RETURNS.

OBJECTIONS TO "LOOK-SEE" MISSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 20. The Soviet's disapproval of the visit of the international train to North-western Manchuria has been officially intimated to the Japanese Embassy in Moscow, according to official reports. Meanwhile the train remains at Buchatu while the Consuls in Harbin and Mukden are attempting to overcome Chinese objections to the investigators proceeding to the scene of the recent Soviet invasion.

The Japanese Ambassador drew the attention of the Soviet to the fact that the bombardment of Manchuria caused the death of a Japanese woman, and the wounding of a South Manchuria Railway official. The Soviet have indicated their willingness to investigate and indemnify, if it is proved that Russians were responsible.

Harbin reports to Rengo are that the international train withdrew to Harbin this afternoon, following telegraphic instructions from the Harbin Consular Body, which charges the Chinese authorities with insincerity in connection with the train.

INDEPENDENCE FOR MONGOLS.

A GROWING MOVEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MURDEN, Dec. 21. The importance of the Young Mongols independence movement is growing. It is reported they are carrying Red emblems, wearing uniforms, and are armed with rifles.

PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE.

AMERICA AND AIRCRAFT POWER.

AN EXPLANATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. The suggestion made in London that the United States naval aircraft power is incomparably superior to the British has evoked a statement from the Aeronautics Bureau, that although the United States possesses a preponderance of actual aircraft, they are virtually useless without sufficient decks from which to operate.

The statement points out that Britain's six aircraft-carriers, totalling 115,000 tons, compares with the United States three, with a total tonnage of 79,000 tons.

Outing Down Battleships. The "battleship is still the core of the American Navy" declared Mr. Stimson, in an official statement. He is of opinion, however, that a reduction should be made in the capital ships, through extension of their life beyond the present 20-year limit, or a reduction in size of them, or postponement of replacements.

THE FRENCH VIEW.

GENERAL LIMITATION URGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 21. The French Government Memorandum to Britain last night sets forth the French general viewpoint on Naval and general disarmament at the forthcoming conference.

It declares firstly, that naval disarmament should only be part of a general limitation, which must be settled by the League of Nations. Secondly, land, sea, and air armaments must be considered interdependent.

Thirdly, France's demands as to tonnage will be based on her needs; and fourthly, the Naval problem must be considered in relation to guarantees of security necessary from each country concerned.

Copies of the Memorandum despatched to-day to the United States, Japan, and Italy, will be published shortly.

It is semi-officially stated that the reports published as to the composition of the French Naval Delegation are inaccurate. The Delegation will not be constituted until the government has discussed the matter next week.

Policy Defined.

PARIS, Dec. 20. French naval policy was clearly defined by M. Leygues, the Minister of Marine, speaking on the Naval Estimates in the Chamber to-day.

He declared that the London Naval Conference was only a preparatory discussion, its object being to aid the Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

Secondly, he declared, France would not agree to any arbitrary standard of measurement, but the French delegates to the Conference would reserve full freedom of action for France and set forth her needs based upon security.

All the members of the Government were entirely agreed on the policy to be followed and the French delegation would present a united front.

M. Leygues said that disarmament depended upon security. France had a right to assure its security as long as the League of Nations did not assume the responsibility, with adequate forces.

The French delegation would go to London determined to collaborate in every way towards the reduction of expenditure on armaments, and in conciliation.

France would state her needs in the ratio of her Colonial Empire not arithmetically but politically. She would show that in view of her world position she could not be relegated to the background.

JAPAN AND AMERICA. A SATISFACTORY MISSION. [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 21. The Japanese Government is fully satisfied with the results of the Naval Delegation's visit to America, according to an official spokesman.

Though no definite agreements were reached, no disappointment is felt, as such a result was never anticipated.

According to the spokesman, the delegates' reports to Tokyo are encouraging and indicate that as a result of personal contact between Mr. Wakatsuki, President Hoover, and the American delegates, a mutual understanding of each others fundamental position has apparently been achieved.

Meanwhile the vernacular papers express appreciation of the cordial reception accorded to the Japanese delegation, and express the belief that Japanese-American relations are improved as a result.

"GET READY FOR AN ELECTION."

"DAILY HERALD" SUGGESTS A SLOGAN.

"NO LIBERAL NONSENSE."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 21. While Mr. Lloyd George is credited with the intention of conducting a crusade during the recess, against the "Dearest Coal" Bill, Labour members express satisfaction at the cessation of Government consultation with the Liberals as regards the coal mining bill.

The Daily Herald says it is voicing the sentiments of the Labour supporters throughout the country in asking the Government to stand no further nonsense from Mr. Lloyd George, but to go to the country at the earliest possible moment, and ask for a majority. The newspaper concludes by suggesting as the Labour New Year motto "Get ready for a General Election."

Close Divisions Expected.

It is anticipated that there will be many close divisions during the committee stage in the House of Commons of the Government's Coal Mines' Bill, which was passed on the second reading by a majority of eight.

The Times states that the Government are prepared to make substantial concessions on the marketing section of the bill.

The Daily Herald fears that the protracted proceedings in committee may hold up business to such an extent as to endanger the Government's legislative proposals.

Discussing the demands for changes in the Bill in the paper says that some of these come from certain of the Government's supporters, and adds: "Doubtless there will be overtures and conversations and, perhaps, before these are begun, the Government will be able to satisfy itself and its opponents on the disputed question of whether there is or is not existing statutory power to compel amalgamations among colliery companies.—British Wireless."

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

SNOW, SLEET AND GALES FORECAST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22. Christmas weather prospects in the South of England are at present obscure. Conditions apparently depend upon the movements of the storm centre near Iceland. It is, however, likely to become colder, according to the Air Ministry forecast for the next twelve hours.

Up North severer conditions are already being experienced. Six foot snowfalls occurred in the Lothians and Berwickshire. The first of North shipping was suspended for some hours. A blizzard raged along the heights in Yorkshire, Westmoreland and the Pennines, and hail and sleet has fallen in Ireland. Down South, snow fell at Croydon, and there was a heavy gale in the Channel, which upset many of the 2,000 passengers who crossed to France for the holidays.

Cold Wave in America.

New York, Dec. 22. The cold wave in America has extended from the middle west, where there has been the heaviest snowfall of the past decade, to here, and even to Cuba, where shivering and sun-loving inhabitants are wearing overcoats and heavy clothing.

ANGLO-SOVIET AFFAIRS.

RUSSIA'S COMMERCIAL REQUIREMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 21. M. Sokolnikoff, in the course of a long statement on Anglo-Soviet relations, says that the Soviet has every intention of loyally fulfilling any obligations it undertakes, and simultaneously relies upon countries in friendly relations with the Soviet to take account of the unalterable basis of the Soviet political and economic system.

The new Ambassador is confident it is possible in such circumstances to consolidate Anglo-Soviet relations founded on mutual benefit. The statement dwells on the prospect of extensive Soviet commercial requirements.

Mutual Benefit. Sir Esmund Ovey has presented his credentials to M. Kalinin, the president of the Soviet Central Executive Committee. He expressed the hope that occasion would mark the beginning of beneficial Anglo-Soviet intercourse. M. Kalinin, in reply, expressed his confidence that the restoration of diplomatic relations was in the interest of both countries.

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UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

STRONG ATTACK ON MR. THOMAS.

A VIGOROUS DEFENCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS AND REUTER.]

LONDON, Dec. 21. A supplementary Estimate, for £2,100,000 has been issued. The principle item is for £4,000,000, as a contribution to the Unemployment Fund, in accordance with the recent Bill.

A Long Debate.

On a motion for the reduction of the salary of the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Lord Privy Seal, the House of Commons to-day again debated the problems of unemployment. A strong attack on Mr. Thomas was made by Mr. Wheatley, who complained that mere schemes of widening roads, repairing bridges, etc., were futile.

Mr. Baldwin declared that the cost of living fell twelve points during his term of office and had already risen seven points under the present regime.

The Conservative leader also claimed that wages rose by twelve points under his regime and had fallen by five since the MacDonald Administration came into office.

Mr. Lloyd George urged the Government to start another survey in the next few weeks and to tackle the problems afresh.

Mr. Thomas declared that he was not going to acquiesce in increasing the country's debtweight of debt, nor add to the difficulties of British industry in the world market.

The motion was rejected and the vote for Mr. Thomas's salary was carried by 223 votes to 146.

Mr. Thomas in the course of his speech, said that when he approached the unemployment problem he made up his mind that if it could be provided it was the Government's duty to do it.

That was subject to two conditions, one that he could not be a party merely to adding to the dead weight debt of the country, and two that work accelerated or employment provided would add to the efficiency of the country.

There were eighty odd bills waiting to pass the House and forty of these contained the powers that Parliament must give before they could start a man working.

The Outlay.

Whereas the schemes of municipalities or public companies sanctioned by the Unemployed Grants Committee in the last two years of late Government had involved an expenditure of six million pounds, in the six months during which the present Government had been in office, this committee alone had sanctioned the spending of £13,500,000 for 630 different schemes. At the present moment, there were nine hundred and twenty-three fresh schemes under consideration, of a total value of £18,000,000.

Eight and a half millions expenditure had been sanctioned on electricity development.

Docks and Harbours. In regard to docks and harbours, here again a study of the unemployed problem convinced him that, if we wanted to develop our trade, more facilities and more efficient plant was required at many of our docks and wharves.

He had invited a committee of the dock authorities to meet him and schemes had been approved for docks in such places as Dundee, Milford, Liverpool, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Shoreham, Inverness, Boston and Aberdeen.

He would be deceiving the House if he did not frankly say that in the end these schemes were only expedients.

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GERMAN MINISTER RESIGNS.

SEQUEL TO FINANCE DISPUTE.

NEW BILL PASSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 21. The Finance Minister, Herr Hilferding, and the Financial Under-Secretary, Professor Popitz, have resigned. Their resignation was a sequel to criticisms of the financial policy by Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank. Herr Hilferding's resignation is inopportune at present, in view of the forthcoming Hague Conference, at which Germany's Finance Minister must be present.

It is reported in political circles that Professor Moldenhauer, of the Ministry of Economics, will temporarily take over the Finance Ministry.

The Reichstag met shortly after midnight, and adopted by 255 votes to 131 an urgent Government Bill creating a special sinking fund for the redemption of Germany's floating debt.

The Bill is a sequel to the pressure upon the Government by Dr. Schacht.

Professor Moldenhauer has been appointed Minister of Finance ad interim.

NEW YORK HARBOUR COLLISION.

THRILL FOR FERRYBOAT PASSENGERS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 21. A passenger ferryboat to-day collided with a goods ferryboat off Hoboken, imperilling 700 lives.

Eight river boats transferred all the passengers safely.

DEAD R.A.F. FLYERS.

LAST SOLEMN RITES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 21. The coffins of the British airmen, draped with the French tricolor, and an oration delivered in French by an English pastor, were features of a solemn funeral service, with full military honours, at the Anglican Church.

Due tribute was paid to Lt.-Lt. Jenkins and Squadron-Leader Jones-Williams by their French brothers-in-arms. The mourners included the British Consul, a representative of the Bey of Tunis, and the Resident-General, with their whole military and civil staffs, and also two platoons of Chasseurs, and a company of the French African Air Service. The Zouave band was present also.

The bodies are being conveyed to England.

TIN MERGER IN LONDON.

PROMINENT COMPANIES AMALGAMATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 21. A merger is announced of the London Tin Syndicate Limited, the Tin Selection Trust Limited, and the London and Malayan Tin Trust Limited.

The new syndicate will have a total issued capital of £9,250,000. It is also proposed, under the scheme, to amalgamate the Anglo-Bauchi Tin Dredging Co., and the Mongu (Nigeria) Tin Mines Limited.

CITY OF BERLIN IN DISTRESS.

A FINANCIAL TANGLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 20. The Berlin Municipal Council has granted six million marks as a special Christmas bonus to the unemployed, despite the Burgomaster's warning that the Treasury is empty.

The City of Berlin has now got into such a financial tangle, that the Provincial Governor of Brandenburg has placed its finances under State supervision. The Council cannot spend money without the Governor's sanction.

He was applying himself, in consultation with those trades and with experts, to see how far they could stimulate those industries.

In conclusion, he repeated he would do all he could by the expenditure of public moneys to provide employment, always provided it added to the efficiency and the general prospects of the country as a whole.

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Telegrams in Brief.

Commander Byrd has been promoted to Rear-Admiral by a Bill in the Senate.

No newspapers are being published in England on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

M. Stark, the new Soviet Ambassador to Afghanistan, has presented his credentials.

MM. Le Brix and Rossi have arrived at Allahabad, and hope to reach Saigon on Monday.

The death is announced, at Montgomery, Alabama, of Federal Judge Clayton, author of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act.

Mr. Chichester, the young New Zealand airman, has left Catania in his plane, en route to his own country.

Upon withdrawing his brief as plaintiff, counsel for Mrs. Fogarty stated that the latter desired to withdraw her suit against Gene Tunney.

The French Chamber has adopted a Bill providing for the financial year henceforth to begin on April 1 (which is the same as Britain) instead of January 1.

The Judge in Chambers has assented to an appeal for the release on bail of Albert Edward Tabor, one of the four defendants in the Hatry case. Tabor has been released, the bail being fixed at £5,000.

The following bulletin was issued on Saturday night from the London residence of Lord Byng of Vimy, whose proposed departure for South Africa was postponed owing to a setback in his progress: "Bronchial catarrh and fever continue and necessitate quiet and confinement to bed. His general condition is satisfactory."

CONSOLIDATING U.S. RAILWAYS.

HUGE SCHEME DRAWN UP.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. Congress has adjourned until January 6. A huge scheme has been drawn up by the Interstate Commerce Commission, for the consolidation of United States railways. Nineteen trunk-line systems are proposed, of which five are in the Eastern territory, two in New England, a group of three in the south, and one others. The plan is subject to Congress review, but represents an attempt to create a transport system which would maintain competition, and give every important traffic centre access to two or more lines.

The Interstate Commission has dealt a blow at the holding companies and decreed that the ownership of stock or any interest by any one system in the system of another will not be tolerated.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFFS DEFENDED.

A CONSISTENT POLICY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Dec. 20. At a luncheon given to-day by the Australian Association of British Manufacturers, Mr. Scullin the Prime Minister, defended the new Australian tariff schedules as consistent with Australia's policy of Protection.

Local Sport

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

ROYAL NAVY BEAT THE INTERPORT SELECTED TEAM.

WINS FOR CHINA ATHLETIC AND SOUTH CHINA "A."

Saturday's games resulted as under:—

INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

Royal Navy ... 3 Selected Team 1

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

China Athletic 2 R.A. 1

Division II.

R. Navy Res. ... 7 University ... 0

K.O.S.B. Res. 4 Athletic ... 0

R.A. Res. ... 2 H.K.F.C. Res. ... 0

S. China "A" ... 1 St. Jos. Res. ... 0

K.F.C. Res. ... 1 Eastern F.C. ... 1

Evo, Chinese ... 1 Recreation Res. ... 1

R.A.M.C. and S.L.I. Res. game not played.

INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

Although McGregor, the Navy right back was unable to turn out in their game at Sookunpo, with the Hong Kong Selected Team, the Navy fielded a strong team to beat the Selected by three goals to one. A. V. Gosano was unable to play for the team as selected, this being the only change. When the teams lined out, the Navy were a man short, Barham of the K.O.S.B. Reserves filled the vacancy, while a message was sent to Happy Valley for Ward of the R.N. Reserves to come post haste to Sookunpo. Ward arrived to find the Navy a goal down. The line out was as under:—

Selected Team: G. Rodger; Wynne and Reeves; Hedley, West and Bliss; B. Gosano, A. Ward, McKelvie, Bewley-Bull and Butcher.

Royal Navy: Jarvis; Jones; Stephenson, Tilley and Bell; Van Tromp, Firth, Cann, Gould and Dickinson.

Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

The Selected Team took the lead in the opening minutes. Jarvis failed to hold a long shot from West and McKelvie dashed up to put the ball in the net. This was the only goal scored by the Selected team during the game, the splendid goalkeeping of Jarvis being the prime factor in no further score. Jarvis used good judgment and was able to clear but in leaving his goal during the rush one of these in Saturday's game he was badly kicked on the hand but was able to resume. The Navy levelled up through Cann who picked up a pass from Jones and sent in a low shot from outside the penalty area and Rodger was beaten. The Navy took the lead soon after when Gould accepted a pass from Van Tromp and landed the ball in the net well out of Rodger's reach. The Navy middle line was sound and the Selected forwards could make little headway collectively. Individually the Selected forwards got through but hanging on to the ball too long led to their undoing. Understanding between the forwards and halves was lacking in the selected team, but the latter were fully occupied in trying to hold the Navy front string, therefore their feeding was erratic.

Half-time: Royal Navy 2, Selected Team 1.

The second half opened with the Selected attacking but shooting was wild. Dickinson did well on the Navy left and Wynne was not quite on top form. Van Tromp and Firth played their usual game and Bliss was put in the shade. Tilley was a great spoiler in the team's attempts at combination. Ward had a tough hand in holding Butcher, the S.L.I. winger being the most dangerous forward in the selected side. Wynne had plenty time to clear from a pass by Bell, but left it to Rodger. Cann rushed in and gave to Firth who was unmarked and the Navy player sent in a fast shot that Rodger failed to turn out although he got his foot to the ball. The final whistle sounded with the Navy winners by three goals to one.

DIVISION I.

CHINA ATHLETIC v R.A.

At the Stadium, the Athletic beat the R.A. by the odd goal in three. The teams took the field as under:—

China Athletic: Chan Sik Pui; Wong Shui Woo and Lai Yuk Tat; Ho Choi Yin, Wong Shui Wah and Lam Yuk Ying, Ng Kum Chuen, Tso Kwai Shing, Wong Pak Chong, Ho Ka Keung and Chan Kwong Ju.

R.A.: Fletcher, Oliver and Rawlings; Hall, Ward and Joyce; Walker, Cotton, Allen, Gill and Davy.

The Gunners forced the home team to play on the defensive during the opening minutes and with

a little accuracy would have been leading. The Athletic wore down the attack and Tso Kwai Shing beat Fletcher with a hard shot to give the home team the lead. A goal by Ng Kum Chuen was disallowed for charging the goalkeeper. The pace was good and fairly even.

Half-time: Athletic 1, R.A. 0.

The R.A. were the first to threaten danger on resuming and Cotton sent hard against the bar. Two corners to the R.A. were fruitless and the Athletic transferred. Tso Kwai Shing met a pass from Chan Kwong Ju and beat Fletcher with a first-time in and Wong Shui Wah handled near the penalty line.

Chan Sik Pui saved the free kick but the Gunners were not to be denied. Gill netting from close range. The Athletic then forced the Gunners to play on the defensive and had hard luck in not increasing their lead. Ng Kum Chuen had another goal disallowed for paying too close attention to Fletcher. In the closing minutes the Gunners were on top but the Athletic defence held out until the final whistle sounded when they were then leading by two goals to one.

DIVISION II.

R. N. RESERVES v UNIVERSITY.

Postponed on account of the referee failing to appear on the date arranged for this game, the above teams met on the Navy ground at Happy Valley on Saturday. The Navy took the lead early, Sorbie sending in a shot which Reed in attempting to clear deflected. Cartball out of the goal's reach. Cartwright added to the Navy's score and before the interval Hassell increased their lead.

Turning over three goals up, the Navy were soon attacking strongly but Oppenheim kept a good goal for the University. Small got through eventually for the Navy and in the closing minutes the University defence fell to pieces. Goals by Evans, Sorbie and Small gave the Navy the victory by seven clear goals.

KOWLOON F.C. RES. v EASTERN F.C.

These teams met on the Railway ground, the result being a draw of one goal all. The home team had the better of the opening exchanges. Kowloon failed to score from a free kick against the goalie for over-carrying. With this let of the visitors transferred but failed to pierce the home defence. Half-time, no score.

Eastern showed up well in the opening minute of the second half but Angus was in form between the sticks. A penalty kick against Kowloon was converted by Lai Ting Choi to give the visitors the lead. Kowloon attacked strongly and were awarded a penalty kick from which they levelled up. The home team tried hard for the winning goal but the visitors defence held out.

Result:—

Kowloon Reserves 1

Eastern F.C. 1

H.K.F.C. RESERVES v R.A. RESERVES.

Playing on the H.K.F.C. ground, the Gunners secured full points by two clear goals. The first half was goalless. The Club had the better of middle exchanges in the opening half but failed to press home their advantage. Resuming the Gunners attacked strongly and Stirling was beaten by Rogers. The Club then went out to level up but luck was against them. Jackson shot over from an easy position with only the goalie to beat. Just before the final whistle sounded Rogers again beat Stirling and made the game safe for the R.A.

Result:—

R.A. 2

H.K.F.C. 0

ST. JOSEPH'S RES. v SOUTH CHINA "A."

Playing on the St. Joseph's ground, South China won by the narrowest of margins, one goal to nil. They retained their unbeaten record. South China took the lead through Ip Koon Wing halfway through the first half. St. Joseph's tried hard to get on terms but were a goal down when the interval arrived. The second half was goalless although South China did most of the attacking.

Result:—

South China "A" 1

St. Joseph's 0

R.H.K.Y.C.

THIRD CRUISER RACE.

The Third Cruiser race was sailed yesterday over a course at Lamma Island, a distance of 25 miles. Started at 10.07 a.m.

The result was as follows:—

Time. Finish. Corrected.

1.—U. and I. (Mr. H. S. Rouse)..... 4.28.07 4.02.43

2.—Curlew (Mr. J. W. Tush)..... 5.22.45 5.18.39

The following yachts started but did not finish—La Cigale, Azuma, Coquette, Irene, Norseman.

WEST RIVER GUNBOATS.

REGATTA RESULTS.

The West River Gunboats' Regatta was held at Canton on Friday, the results being as follows:—

H.M.S. Moorhen, 35 points.

H.M.S. Moth, 30 points.

H.M.S. Tarantula, 20 points.

H.M.S. Cicada, 21 points.

The Officers' Race was won by H.M.S. Moth.

H.M.S. Seaweed did not participate.

CHINA ATHLETIC "B" v K.O.S.B. RESERVES.

The above teams met at the North Point Stadium, the visitors winning by four clear goals. The home team started in great style but worried by the visitors' defence, shooting was wild. Stevens opened the score for the visitors turning in from a well placed corner kick by Rhodes. Charlton led in Cheung Koon Sang but his shot cleared the bar. Another goal to the visitors was scored by Crawley, the result of a well placed flag kick by Rhodes.

Half-time: K.O.S.B. 2, Athletic "B" 0.

The second half went greatly in favour of the K.O.S.B. who were attacking throughout the half. Goals by Stevens and Toal gave them full points by the margin of four goals to nil.

EWO CHINESE v CLUB DE RECREIO RES.

These teams met at Happy Valley the result being a draw of one goal all. Ewo opened with a strong wind and the visitors were soon defending. Both teams played good football but failed to register before the interval.

Early in the second half, Figueiredo opened the Recreio's account, but they failed to hold on to their lead for within five minutes Ewo had levelled up through Chow Yew Fai. The Recreio had the better of the exchanges in the closing minutes but failed to beat the home defence.

Result:—

Ewo, Chinese 1

Club de Recreio 1

HONG KONG LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

Somerset L.I. 9 7 1 1 19 6 15

China Athletic 9 6 2 1 19 6 14

K.O.S.B. 11 5 4 2 17 8 14

Royal Navy ... 9 5 2 2 19 14 14

South China ... 8 6 1 2 18 6 11

Kowloon F.C. 8 3 3 2 11 8 9

R.A. 10 4 1 6 18 15 9

Recreation ... 8 2 1 5 9 13 10

H.K.F.C. 8 1 2 5 7 12 4

St. Joseph's ... 8 0 7 8 28 4

H.K. Police ... 9 0 1 8 28 1

Division II.

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

K.O.S.B. Res. 21 18 0 3 81 15 38

S. China "A" 12 11 1 0 40 3 23

R. Navy Res. 14 9 3 2 47 10 21

S.L.I. Res. ... 16 8 3 5 37 24 19

Athletic "A" ... 10 8 1 1 33 12 17

R.A. Res. ... 16 6 3 8 31 27 15

St. Jos. Res. ... 13 6 2 6 30 23 12

Eastern ... 11 4 2 5 18 25 10

Athletic "B" ... 11 4 2 5 18 25 10

K.F.C. Res. ... 12 4 2 6 30 23 10

S. China "B" ... 12 1 5 6 12 37 7

Recreation Res. ... 10 2 1 7 10 35 5

R.A.M.C. ... 15 1 2 12 13 41 4

Evo, Chinese ... 11 0 4 7 10 34 4

H.K.F.C. Res. 10 1 2 7 8 38 4

S.L.I. Res. awarded points for Club de Recreio Res. failing to turn out 18-12-29. South China "A" awarded points for R.A.M.C. failing to turn out 16-12-29. R.A. Res. awarded points for R.A.M.C. failing to turn out 20-12-29. R.H. Res. awarded points for St. Joseph's Res. failing to turn out 18-12-29.

END OF SPLENDID STEEPLECHASER.

ACE OF SPADES DIES ON THE FIELD: NECK BROKEN DURING A RACE.

FIRE CALL WINS SERVICES CUP.

LARGE CROWDS AT FANLING MEETING.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

The Christmas Meeting of Fanling Steeplechases was marred by the death of the best steeplechaser on the course, Ace of Spades breaking his neck following a tumble, and dying on the course. His jockey, Mr. R. H. Charles, was severely thrown, but fortunately not badly injured, although at one time it was feared he was suffering from serious concussion. The nature of his fall is dealt with below.

Montana won the December Plate quite easily and has proved himself to be the best pony over the sticks. He will be a worthy successor to Ace of Spades.

The United Services Christmas Cup was won by Mr. Mattingley's Fire Call, ridden by Mr. Churchill. A cup was duly presented to Mr. Mattingley and Mr. Stanton was also presented with the cup which Montana won.

Dividends were fairly good, favourites and outsiders sharing the honours. The attendance was also quite good, but the freezing weather out at Kwanti, coupled with the chilly and heavy winds robbed the afternoon's sport of much of its pleasure.

The special train arrangements were somewhat put out by the return train, which was delayed an hour en route, due, it is believed, to engine trouble. As a result the train steamed into Kowloon station at 7.25 instead of 6.25 as scheduled.

ACE OF SPADES.

This pony started in the principle race of the day where his only serious rival was Montana. The two ponies got away together, but Ace of Spades was not jumping in his usual free and easy way, and "clicked" every hurdle as he passed, losing ground at every stride to Montana. He cleared the water jump, but at the next hurdle, he caught the horizontal with his fore legs and tumbled head foremost to the ground, breaking his neck in the process and dying almost instantaneously.

Mr. Charles, who was riding, did not get up and it was feared at first that he was seriously injured, but after he was moved in an ambulance to the jockeys' room, it was found that he was suffering from slight concussion and that he would soon be well and about again. This is indeed fortunate, as Mr. Charles would be badly missed in racing circles if he were unable to ride during the next month or so.

Ace of Spades was undoubtedly the best chaser at Kwanti for the last year or so. Racing under Mr. Shillington's colours and ridden by that owner, he was never defeated and under his new ownership (Mr. Ulster) he was beaten, I think, only once, when conceding a good deal of handicap. He has won all the important events at Fanling and died like a true hero—in the field.

THE RACING.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING STAKES.

Eleven ponies faced the starter and ten finished, Social Mark throwing Mr. Stanton at the last hurdle. Erin's Isle led throughout and won comfortably, taking his jumps in great style.

Huntington was well placed throughout but was no match for the winner. He was a good second beating Lightning by two lengths at the end. Social Mark was fourth over the last hurdle when he fell.

United Services Christmas Cup.

Seven ponies started in this race and once again the winner led all the way.

Fire Call was never headed except for a brief period at the start when As You Like It threatened to take the lead.

The pony won by half a length, but could have done much better if stretched.

Fanling Stag came with a great burst of speed at the end to get second place from As You Like It, who was beaten in the last few strides.

Bright Prospect and Aristophanes did not finish.

The December Plate.

The best steeplechaser in Fanling lost his life in this race. Ace of Spades, ridden by Mr. R. H. Charles, fell at the hurdle after the water jump. The pony landed on his head and broke his neck, dying instantaneously. Mr. Charles was badly thrown and was carried away in an ambulance. He was not badly injured, however, and was seen chatting with friends after the races.

Montana, who was in the pink of condition, led all the way and it was seen that Ace of Spades was not his usual self, as he lost ground at every stride. After he fell, Montana won handsomely, being a good furlong ahead of Safety Last with Sucre third.

THE RESULTS.

1.—Christmas Pudding Stakes: Once Round.

For China ponies. Winners at Kwanti this season barred.

Mr. Ulster's Erin's Isle (Mr. Charles) 1

Dr. MacGown's Huntington (Mr. Bulteel) 2

Mr. Patten's Lightning (Mr. Patten) 3

Also ran:—Craigavad (Mr. Arnold); Fern Leaf (Mr. Lang); Fook Shau (Mr. Alms); Grey Eyes (Mr. Magway); Movanager (Mr. Cave); Safety Last (Mr. Churchill); Social Mark (Mr. Stanton); Strathlorne (Mr. Mattingley).

Won by many lengths; two lengths between second and third.

Time: 2mins. 12.1-secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner: \$3.10.

Places: \$2.10; \$4.50; \$8.50.

2.—United Services Christmas Cup: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies, the property of an officer in H.M.'s Forces and/or members of the H.K.V.D.C., to be ridden by an officer in H.M.'s Forces and/or a member of the H.K.V.D.C.

Mr. Mattingley's Fire Call (Mr. Churchill) 1

Mr. McCartney's Fanling Stag (Mr. McCartney) 2

Comdr. Lang's As You Like It (Comdr. Lang) 3

Also ran:—Aristophanes (Mr. Patten); Bright Prospect (Mr. Bensley); Brown Eve (Mr. Worral); James Pigg (Mr. Arnold).

Won by one length; half a length between second and third.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner: \$18.50.

Places: \$3.50; \$2.50; \$3.50.

3.—The December Plate: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of November Cup 8 lbs. penalty, other winners at Kwanti this season 5 lbs. penalty.

Mr. Stanton's Montana (Mr. Stanton) 1

Col. Haskard's Safety Last (Mr. Cave) 2

Mr. Richardson's Sucre (Mr. Richardson) 3

Also ran:—Ace of Spades (Mr. Charles).

Won by many lengths; many between second and third.

Time: 3mins. 47secs.

Winner: \$3.80.

Places: \$3.10; \$6.20.

4.—Noel Handicap: 1 1/2 Miles.

For China ponies.

Mr. Stanton's Target (Mr. Stanton) 1

Major Lake's Sheila (Mr. Bulteel) 2

Mr. Cave's Movanager (Mr. Cave) 3

Also ran:—Blotting Paper (Mr. Fischer); Duke of Neiblung (Mr. Platt); Caviare (Mr. Durran).

Won by many lengths; many lengths between second and third.

Time: 3mins. 8secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner: \$2.70.

Places: \$2.30; \$2.90; \$5.60.

Setting. Winner. Place.

Sheila 54 107

Duke of Neiblung 15 21

Caviare 63 88

Blotting Paper 25 101

Target 357 257

Movanager 25 37

5.—Winter Maidens: One Mile.

For China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs.

Mr. Heard's Christmas Frolic (Mr. Bulteel) 1

Lt. Col. Little's Sunloch (Mr. Worrall) 2

Mr. Davidson's Aristophanes (Mr. Durran) 3

Also ran:—Bingo (Mr. Churchill); Diana (Mr. Stanton); Sea Hawk (Mr. Save); Two Club (Mr. Lang).

Won by one length; one length between second and third.

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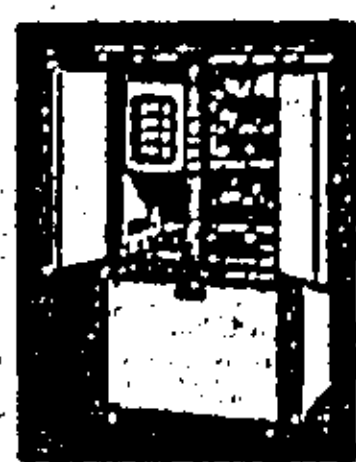
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CRICKET.

INDIANS DRAW WITH NAVY.

Most teams in the leagues were
having a lay-off on Saturday, and
only one game was decided in each
division. The Indian Recreation
Club played a drawn game with the
Navy at Sookunpoo, while in the
junior section the Police R.C. had
matters their own way with the
R.A.S.C. The match between the
Recreio and the Artillery was called
off at the eleventh hour, as the
Gunnery could not raise a side.

LEAGUE-DIVISION I.

I.R.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

The wicket was on the slow side
when Wright and Stanley started
for the sailors at Sookunpoo, and
for the first half-an-hour, the scor-
ing was slow. Then Stephenson
and Wright adopted more aggres-
sive methods and they had 134
runs for the loss of 8 wickets when
the Navy skipper declared the in-
nings closed.

The light was very poor when the
Indians started and with the home
team batsmen trying to force the
pace, the first few wickets fell
rapidly. Then Doodha played a
gallant knock, and hitting at every-
thing collected 41 in very quick
time. For the Indians, A. R. Minu
took 4 wickets for 37 runs, while
Boumphey was the most success-
ful of the sailors and had five for
27.

The scores were:-

The Navy.

Lt. Wright, b A. R. Minu	42
Com. Stanley, c O. Ismail, b	6
Abdul-Curreem	6
Lt. Stephenson, b A. M.	27
Rumjahn	27
Sq. Ldr. Boumphey, run out	13
Sub. Lt. Glass, c S. A.	5
Ismail, b A. R. Minu	5
Com. Baker, c A. K. Minu,	2
b A. R. Minu	2
A. B. Laslett, c Abdul-Cur-	12
reem, b A. R. Minu	12
Lt. Cobb, run out	9
Sub. Lt. Mosely, not out	8
Eng. Lt. Bennett, not out	0
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wks. dec.)...134

Stk. Cross did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abdul-Curreem	6	1	18	1
Madar	12	4	16	0
A. R. Minu	13	1	37	4
A. A. Rumjahn	4	0	16	0
Doodha	1	0	11	0
A. K. Minu	3	0	13	0
A. M. Rumjahn	4	0	13	1

Indian R.C.

A. H. Rumjahn, c and b Las-	5
lett	5
J. S. Abdul-Curreem, b Las-	0
lett	0
A. H. Madar, c Laslett, b	16
Boumphey	16
A. A. Rumjahn, c Stephen-	4
son, b Laslett	4
A. R. Minu, b Boumphey	0
C. F. Doodha, c Mosely, b	41
Boumphey	41
O. Ismail, c and b Boumphey	0
A. K. Minu, c Laslett, b	0
Boumphey	3
S. A. Ismail, not out	11
A. el Arculli, not out	8
Extras	12

Total (for 8 wks.)...102

A. M. Rumjahn did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Comdr. Baker	7	2	21	0
A. R. Laslett	13	4	20	3
Sq. Ldr. Boum-	11	3	27	5
phrey	11	3	27	5
Eng. Lt. Bennett	4	0	21	0
Sub. Lt. Glass	1	0	1	0

DIVISION II.

POLICE v. R.A.S.C.

Against some good bowling by
Alexander (6 for 18) and B. G.
Baker (4 for 32), the Royal Army
Service Corps, who had first knock
in their fixture with the P.R.C.,
were beaten by 8 wickets at Happy
Valley on Saturday. They only
scored 56 runs out of which total
Pte. Fry claimed 22. The only
other man to run into double
figures was Cole who made 11.

The Police lost King early, but
Hunter (29 not out) and Alexander
(20) put the issue beyond doubt, and
the home side had compiled 64 runs
for the loss of two wickets when
stumps were drawn. Both of the
wickets fell to Simpson for 37 runs.

The scores were:-

R.A.S.C.

Maj. Langmaid, b Alexander	1
Lt. Marshall, c King, b	1
Baker	1
L/Cpl. Lyons, b Alexander	0
W. O. L. Macdonald, c King,	0
b Alexander	0
Cpl. Crowcroft, b Baker	0
Cpl. Fennell, c A. D. Baker,	0
b Alexander	2
Fry, c Alexander, b Baker	22
Andrews, b Alexander	9
Cole, l.b.w., b Alexander	11
Mackay, c Reynolds, b Baker	0
Simpson, not out	4
Extras	6

Total...86

Not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	15	2	69	2
Becker	7.2	1	24	1
Divett	6	2	39	2
Extras	2	0	7	0
Bowler	4	1	25	0

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Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Alexander	8	3	18	6
B. G. Baker	7.2	2	32	4

Police Recreation Club.

T. H. King, c Fennell, b	1
Simpson	37
T. H. Hunter, not out	29
Alexander, b Simpson	20
Extras	4

Total (for 2 wks.)...64

Sparrow, Kirby, Reynolds, Dan-
browsky, Sherry, Post, B. G. Baker,
and A. D. Baker did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fry	7	0	23	0
Simpson	7	0	37	2

FRIENDLIES-DIVISION I.

OVER 30 v. UNDER 30.

The young 'uns had the better of
the "old crocks" in this inter-club
match on the H.K.C.C. ground. A
feature of the match was the high
scores registered, no less than three
batmen passing the half-century
mark. Alan Reid was highest scor-
er of the day with 63, while Armstrong
and Hinton collected 57 and 53
respectively.

Sillitoe took 4 wickets for 27 for
the "Over thirties" while for the
young 'uns Divett took 2 for 39.

The scores were:-

E. J. R. Mitchell, b Baker	14
F. Sillitoe, b Divett	17
T. E. Pearce, b Parker	2
E. R. Duckitt, b Divett	46
H. R. Remington run out	14
A. Reid, b Beck	63
R. K. Hepburn not out	6
W. W. Mackenzie not out	2
Extras	10

Total (for 5 wks. dec.)...174

Brown, Collis and A. N. Other
did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	15	2	69	2
Becker	7.2	1	24	1
Divett	6	2	39	2
Extras	2	0	7	0
Bowler	4	1	25	0

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Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1929. [8765]

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Underwriter before Friday, the 27th December, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd December, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
L. LESDOS,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1929. [8771]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
BREMEN.

THE Steamer "SAARBUECKEN"
having arrived from BREMEN, HAM-
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are hereby notified that their Cargo
is being landed at their risk into the
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Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon,
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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature.

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Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1929. [8776]

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

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Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1929. [8780]

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JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 22nd Dec., 1929. [8782]

CRICKET.

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DIVISION II.

RECREIO v. C.S.C.C.

Batting first, in their friendly second innings the Civil Service seconds could only make 18 runs! de Sousa took 3 wickets for 5 runs while Alves took 4 for 10.

The Portuguese lads replied with 91, with F. H. Carvalho (20) as top scorer. Randle took 5 wickets for 29 runs and Edmonds 4 for 40.

Score:—
C.S.C.C., 19.
Recreio, 93.

UNIVERSITY v. K.C.C.

The game at Pokfulam between the Varsity seconds and the K.C.C. resulted in a draw. The home team batted first and knocked up 128 runs. G. E. Yeoh made 36 and H. F. M. Adams 30. Mackay took 2 wickets for 9 runs.

Kowloon had 72 runs for the loss of 7 wickets when time was called. Jex was highest scorer with 31 while Chan Fook for the undergrads took 6 wickets for 20 runs.

Score:—
University, 128 runs.
K.C.C., 72 runs for 7 wks.

CORNFLOWER v. MAGNOLIA.

The Cornflower scored an easy victory over the Magnolia when they met on the Navy ground. The former batted first and made 64 runs. L. T. Roberts with 17 was top scorer. Brooker bowled well for the Magnolia and took 7 wickets for 17 runs.

Milam and Lovett were in good form with the ball and soon dismissed the Magnolia men for only 28 runs. They took 7 wickets for 7 runs and 3 for 16 respectively.

Score:—
Cornflower, 64.
Magnolia, 28.

Over 1,864,000 pieces were exported to the Yangtze districts alone in November. Making of palm-leaf fans is one of the largest industries of the Province.

Trade conditions in Kowloon, a commercial centre on the middle course of the West River, are disappointing during the past few months. The market for piece goods and other foreign commodities is especially slack and many shops have closed down. Merchants there allege that their business has been hit by the repeated warfare on the West River and that they are doing about 50 per cent. of their normal business.

Money and Markets

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

The leather and hide market in Fatsan is exceedingly bad this year, and merchants are making no profits. The business was rather extensive formerly.

The value of the Canton Central Bank of China notes is still fluctuating, but has risen much higher as compared with two weeks ago. They are now quoted at about eight-and-a-half per cent. of their nominal value.

In Canton and the country districts, demand for umbrellas is very disappointing during the present season. Export of locally-made umbrellas is, however, not bad and over 243,000 umbrellas were exported to Malaya in November.

There has been a tremendous demand of cement and large quantities are being imported from Japan, Haiphong, Dairen, Hong and Tientsin. The amount imported during the first half of the present month totalled 35,496 piculs. The products of the Canton Cement Factory in Huam are very limited. Another factory is being built in Saichuen in the western outskirts of the city.

Large quantities of tobacco are produced in Kwangtung and exported to Hong Kong, Shanghai and other places annually. The production this year is unusually abundant as new and improved methods are adopted by the growers. Demand from Hong Kong and Shanghai is exceedingly healthy. Over 100,000 piculs were exported during last month.

Woolens and piece goods experience a very dull market during the past few weeks on account of the warm weather, coupled with the recent military activities. There has been improvements during the past few days as the weather has become colder and peace and order are gradually restored. Arrivals of goods of foreign origins are so large that the market of piece goods locally woven has been badly beaten. During the first half of the present month, some 6,130 yards of woollens and velvet were imported, however, showing a bigger decline than usual.

In spite of the present cold season, the export of palm-leaf fans from Kwangtung to the northern provinces, the Yangtze River districts and Malaya is still large. (Continued on preceding column).

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
FOR TRADE STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

The Government having decided to revive the Trade Statistical Department a number of new regulations applying to exporters, importers and masters of ships are under consideration by the Government-in-Council.

The proposed regulations, as published in the Gazette are as follows:—

Importers and Exporters.

Every person who imports any articles by sea, land, or air shall within seven days after taking delivery of such article furnish to the Superintendent an accurate and complete import declaration to such article in form No. 1 in the Appendix, or in such Chinese translation thereof as may be approved by the Superintendent.

Every person who exports any article by sea, land, or air shall within seven days after exportation furnish to the Superintendent an accurate and complete export declaration relating to such article in form No. 2 in the Appendix, or in such Chinese translation thereof as may be approved by the Superintendent.

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The owner and master of every ship which arrives within the waters of the Colony shall within 48 hours of the arrival of the ship furnish to the Superintendent an accurate and complete import manifest containing a statement of all articles imported by such ship, with the following particulars of each article:—

- (a) Number and description of packages.
- (b) Distinguishing marks or numbers.
- (c) Description of goods.
- (d) Consignor.
- (e) Consignee's name and address.

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Under an amendment of the Schedule of the Stamp Ordinance, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is to be relieved of payment of the 1 per cent. tax on its note issue above the value of \$45,000,000.

This is to be effected by adding to Heading No. 9 in the Schedule the following proviso:—

"Provided also that with effect from the 19th December, 1929, and pending the further order or regulation of the Governor in Council the duty on bank notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation shall not exceed one per cent. per annum on \$45,000,000 of the aggregate bank note issues of such corporation."

The Bank's present note issue exceeds the sum mentioned, so that the effect of the amendment will be relieved of the tax.

The concession now made by the Government follows representations which were made by local Banks last month, when it was decided to petition the authorities to remove the 1 per cent. tax in so far as that portion of the note issue against silver dollars was concerned.

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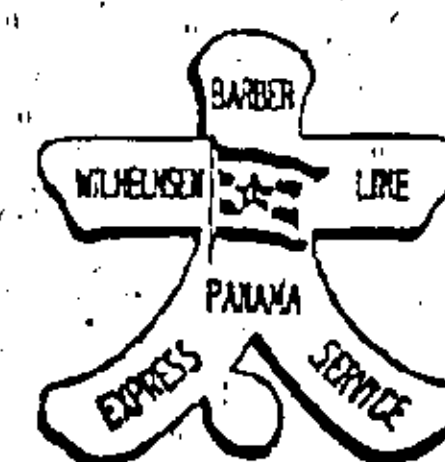
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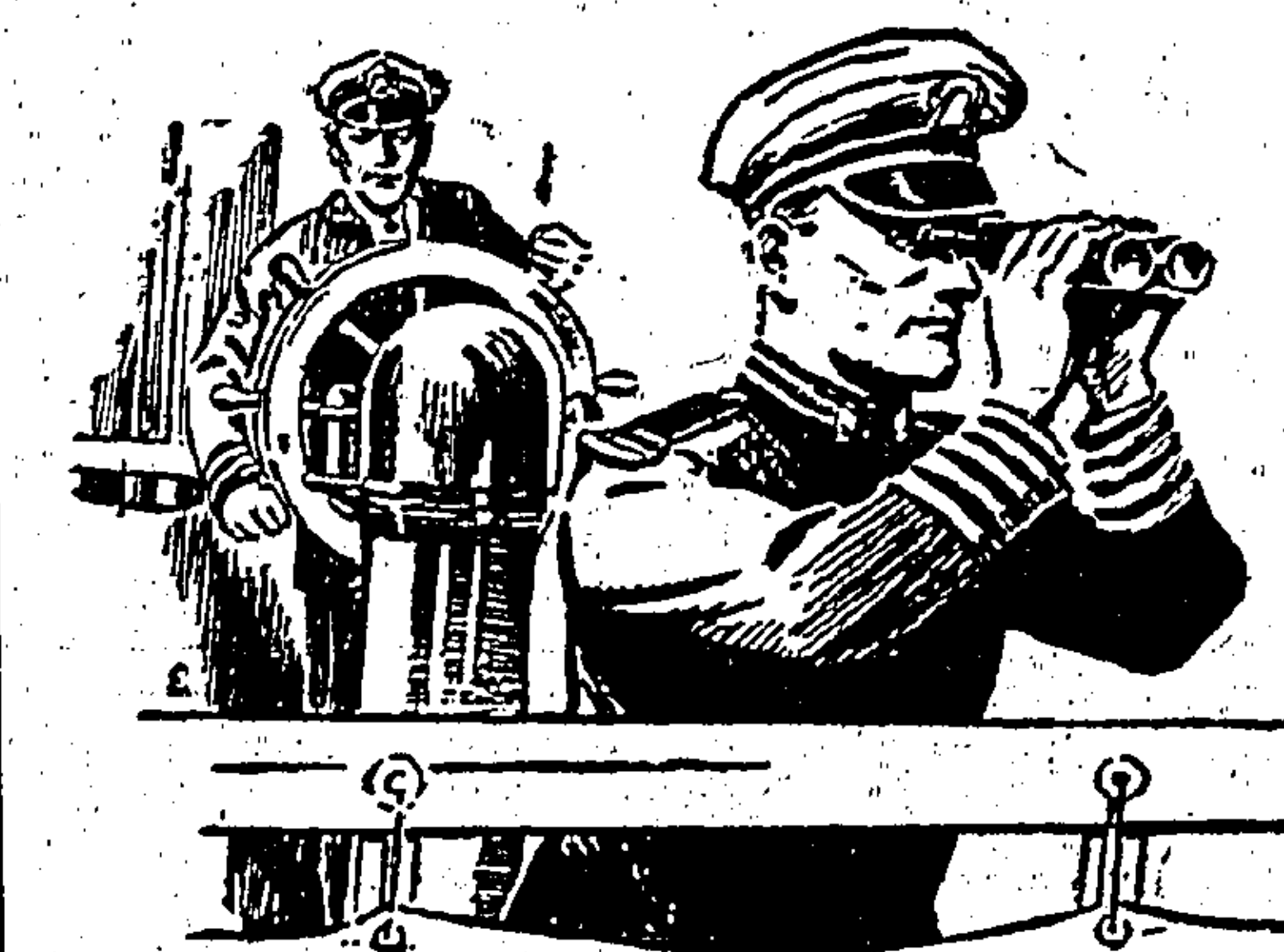
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It was felt that the withdrawal of the tax would be an inducement to the note-issuing Banks to increase their issues, and that this would relieve the shortage of notes from which the trade of the Colony has been suffering.

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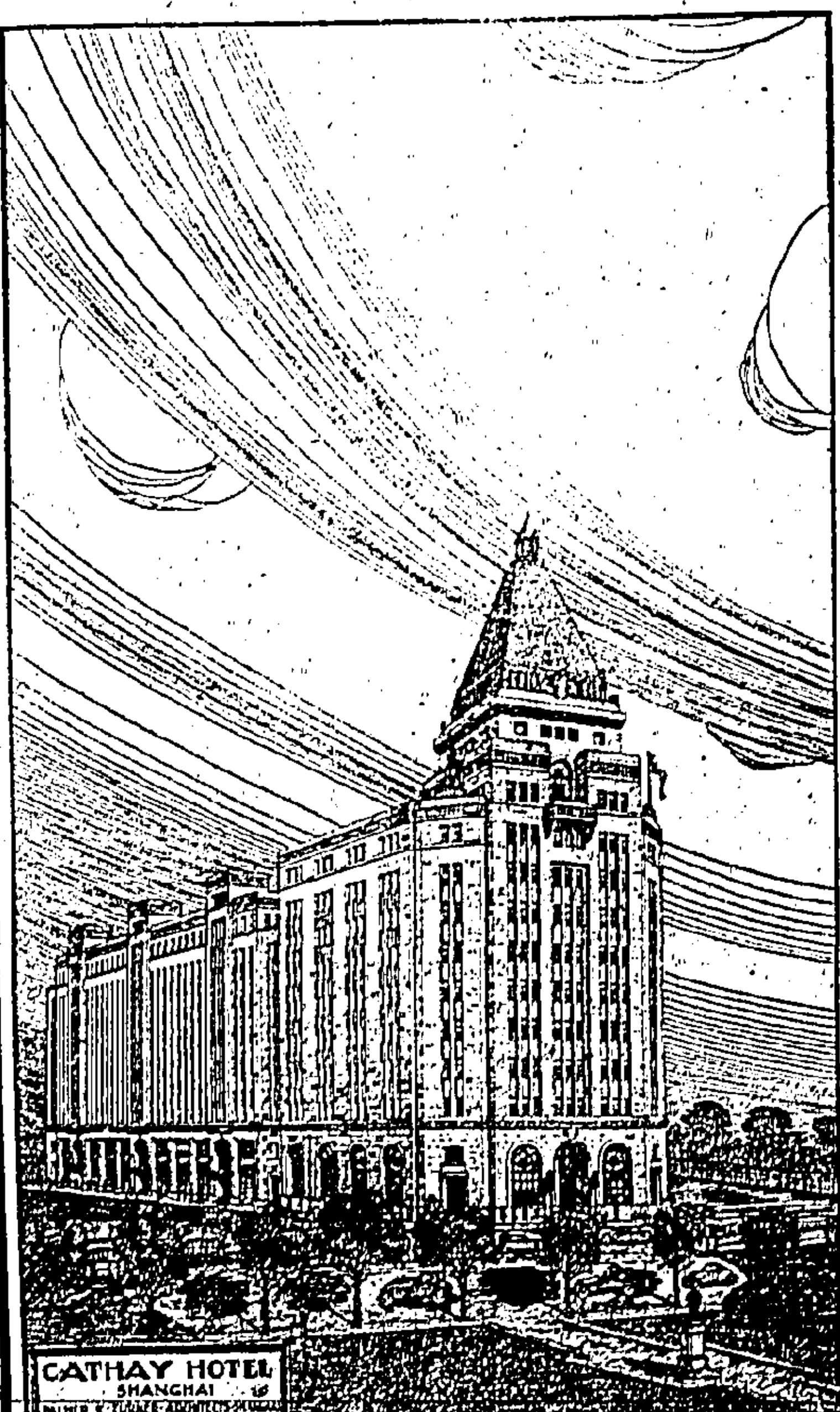
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LAWN BOWLS AND TENNIS TOURNAMENTS.

PRESENTATION OF CUPS AND PRIZES.

An interesting game of lawn bowls was played at the Bowling Green Club on Saturday prior to the distribution of prizes won in the various tournaments during the season. There were six rinks on each side, one of which was composed of "a pair" (West and Gow) who established such a runaway majority that it gave the President's team victory by two shots. Teams and scores were—

President.	Vice-President.
Rodgers	Dobbie
Campbell	Hale
Brown	Bickford
Muir, (S.) ... 12	Gibson (S.) ... 16
McIntosh	Ramsay
Branch	Craig
Rapley	Bell
Russell, (S.) ... 21	Fraser (S.) ... 14
Gittens	Gray
Alves	Hast
Blackburn	Johnston
Gutierrez	Lapsley
(S.) ... 13	(S.) ... 20
McDougall	Eccleshall
Phillips	Rose
Hogbin	Duncan
W. Macfarlane	Whitely
(S.) ... 14	(S.) ... 16
Thompson	Atkinson
Watson	Goodman
Guy	Petherick
Warren (S.) ... 12	Nish (S.) ... 16
West	Farrell
Gow (S.) ... 18	Chapman (S.) ... 6
Total ... 90	Total ... 88

Sports Activities Reviewed.

In a lengthy review of the sports activities during the season, the President (Mr. D. F. Warren) thanked the lawn bowlers for the sacrifices made in other directions to take part in the League games every Saturday. The champion bowler of the Club, remarked the President, humorously, was Mr. Russell, who made a practice of winning the championship every 20 years. He won it in 1909 and again in 1929. The President's Prize and Harvey Shield was won by Mr. C. Atkinson, and the Vice-President's Prize was won by Mr. J. Gibson.

The President also referred to the interest taken in tennis, and he expressed the hope that even greater interest will be taken next season in this branch of the Club's activities. Thanks were due to those who gave in any way contributed to the success of this department.

Prizes Distributed.

Mrs. H. Nish, wife of the Vice-President, distributed the lawn bowls and tennis prizes, the list being as under:—

Championship: 1st prize (presented by the Club), W. Russell; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. J. Gibson), D. W. Phillips; 3rd prize (presented by Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.), A. R. Whitley.

President's: 1st prize (presented by Mr. D. F. Warren) and Harvey Shield, C. Atkinson; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. B. Branch), L. Guy; 3rd prize (presented by Mr. Russell), J. V. Ramsay.

Vice-President's: 1st prize (presented by Mr. H. Nish), J. Gibson; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. S. Gray), J. C. Brown; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. D. Muir), L. Guy.

Handicap Doubles: 1st prize ("Galloway Prize" presented by Messrs. Russell, Nish, Bradford and Hunter), S. E. Eccleshall and D. W. Phillips; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. D. Keith), H. Nish and P. Youngusband.

Non-Prize Winners: 1st prize (presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.), D. W. Phillips; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. W. Macfarlane), C. E. Stewart.

Handicap Singles: 1st prize (presented by Mr. R. Lapsley), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. R. Duncan), L. Guy; 3rd prize (presented by Mr. W. J. Kerr), A. R. Whitley.

Men's Championship: 1st prize (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. C. E. F. Thompson), G. Rodgers.

Men's Handicap Singles: 1st prize (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize (presented by the Club), J. V. Ramsay.

Ladies' Handicap Singles: 1st prize (presented by the Club), Mrs. Cuthill; 2nd prize (presented by the Club), Mrs. McCaw.

Ladies' Novices Singles: 1st prize (presented by Mr. R. Hall), Mrs. Hogbin; 2nd prize (presented by Major W. White, R.A.O.C.), Mrs. Thompson.

Men's Handicap Doubles: 1st prize (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers and E. W. L. Hogbin; 2nd prize (presented by the Club), W. E. Hale and E. V. Whittle.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles: 1st prize (presented by the Club), Mesdames McCaw and Thompson; 2nd prize (presented by Mr. D. Gow), Mesdames Hall and Hogbin.

Mixed Handicap Doubles: 1st prize (presented by the Club), Mr. J. Rodgers and Mrs. Cuthill; 2nd prize (presented by the Club), Mr. W. Brown and Mrs. McCaw.

RUGGER.

CORNWALL THE CLUB.

The Cornwall beat the Club by a try and a goal to a try (8-3) and fully deserved their victory.

Play settled down in midfield for some time. Then Cornwall, playing with the wind, punted ahead, the ball bounced over the full back's head and Goldman failed to touch down but the ball went dead.

From the drop out Cornwall found a good touch and there was some exciting play on the Club line.

The Club were penalised for kicking out of the scrum but the kick failed, and the Club got in a good kick to touch on the half way line.

The Cornwall forwards were getting the ball from the scrums but the backs made no progress and never looked dangerous.

From a loose scrum Lammert made good ground before being brought down.

Cornwall were penalised for off-side on their 23 yard line but Goldman failed with a difficult kick against the wind.

Play was mostly round the half way mark with the Club pressing and Goldman gained ground with a good kick to touch.

Cornwall, making good use of the wind, came back again and nearly intercepted a slow and dangerous pass from the Club half back on the 23-yard line.

Cornwall tried a drop at goal but this a free kick for off-side going. They got a back movement but Grieve made certain of his tackle and a forward pass resulted. From the scrum the ball was scrambled over the line but a 3-yard scrum was given.

Bonair made a good save for the Club, another scramble ensued and Cornwall nearly got over on the left.

Half time came with no score, the Club three having only had one chance and the Cornwall backs spoiling all their opportunities by running across the field.

Second Half.

After an interchange of kicks Lammert cut across the field and passed to Scott who made ground with a nice punt ahead.

Cornwall were penalised but the Club could not take advantage of the free kick.

They saw the first passing movement of the Club backs and it nearly ended in disaster for them, as Cornwall intercepted a long pass and got clear away to be brought down by Grieve.

The Club came back and Lammert was nearly through.

Scott was kicked on the head and was off for ten minutes, whilst play settled down in midfield.

Cornwall spoilt another chance by running across and then came another back movement by the Club. Just inside their half the ball came out to Hutchinson who cut through neatly and passed to Plummer. The latter nearly hung on too long but transferred—just in time—to Scott who gave a quick pass to Goldman for him to run in with a nice try which was not converted.

From the kick off Cornwall pressed into the Club 25.

A nice movement on the blind side of the scrum, and a neat kick ahead by the wing three-quarter resulted in a try for Cornwall and a difficult kick against the wind was successful.

Play now became really exciting as the Club were being better served from the scrum, but Cornwall continued to press and were presented with a gift try. The ball was over the Club line and Goldman instead of touching down kicked aimlessly out to the wing where Cornwall dripped over to score their second try which was not converted.

Club continued to press but Lammert who had moved to centre was too cramped to make use of his speed and the game ended without further score.

Comments.

Cornwall were full value for their win.

Their forwards controlled the scrums and were superior in the line out. In the loose there was nothing to choose. Heeling was slow and the Cornwall scrum half was too prone to run with the ball and nearly always set his throes off across the field.

Cornwall took the chances that were offered to them and did not make any bad blunders. If their backs had been equal to the Club backs they would have won by a much larger margin.

The Cornwall backs stood too close up and often took their passes standing still, or were shepherded toward touch and when they did get away they preferred to kick.

Bonair made a welcome reappearance as scrum half and played a good game behind his forwards who were not getting the ball.

(Continued on next column.)

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Chinese Athletic Division	5,719
Un Long	409
Victoria Nursing Division	141
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	148
	80,808

Hutchinson deputised for Ross at stand off and was sound in defence but in attack he stood far too close up, taking the few passes which came to him, standing still instead of at full speed, and was always tackled in possession. In the second half he was streets better and his cut through paved the way to the Club try.

It was mistaken tactics to move Lammert to centre toward the end of the second half when the Club were getting the ball. The fault was not with the centres. The ball had come out clearly past the stand off half twice only, and on one occasion the backs had scored. Lammert was cramped at centre and tried to do too much. Had he remained on the wing the ball would have got out to him and he would have had room in which to make use of his speed.

It was good to see that the Club forwards have given up knocking back in the line out, a policy which has lost them many chances in the past. Unless the ball lands in the scrum half's hands, knocking back is fatal, especially on the hard ground, and just allows the opposing forwards to break away.

Amongst the players seen to-day there is the making of an excellent Interport team and Grieve impressed us particularly by the way in which he always does his utmost to take the ball before it bounces by his pace over the ground, and his tackling.

There was not enough back play to judge of the capabilities of the three in defence but some of them don't seem to be too keen on going down to the ball. They rather tend to keep two eyes on the forwards and none on the ball!

THE USE OF HANDS.

WITHIN THE PENALTY AREA.

[By ARNOLD JOSEPHS.]

[The following is another article written for the "Daily Express" by the famous Cup Final and International Referee.—Editor.]

I have often heard it said that the goalkeeper is too much protected in Soccer nowadays. That he occupies a most precarious and, at times, the most dangerous position will not be denied, hence it is not surprising to find that there are certain laws which control his actions and the behaviour of others while he is in his own area.

The salient points concerning the goalkeeper are in relation to handling and charging. It is common knowledge that the goalkeeper may handle the ball anywhere within the penalty area, but should he do so outside the penalty area he is considered an ordinary player, and must be penalised for handling, the award being a free kick, from which a goal may be scored direct.

I remember a peculiar incident which occurred following a shot towards the goal. Advancing beyond his goal area the goalkeeper

gathered the ball, and, in attempting to kick it away, merely kicked it, and it was dropping just outside the penalty area where stood an opponent.

I anticipated what would follow, so placed myself in such position as to have a perfect view of the situation. When the ball descended towards the head of his opponent, the goalkeeper had further advanced, and he punched the ball away.

I immediately awarded a free kick for handling, a decision which was a great surprise to the goalkeeper, for he was yet in the area, but to reach the ball had extended his arm across the line. The ball was thus handled not within the penalty area.

Eyes on the Ball.

There is much controversy at times concerning the manner and occasion when a goalkeeper may be charged. Recently a free kick was taken from near the touchline and the ball was dropping into the goalmouth. While the goalkeeper, with his eyes on the ball, was jumping up to clear it he was charged by the opposing centre forward with a good shoulder charge, and immediately the whistle blew. Almost simultaneously the ball entered the net, and the attacking forwards were fully convinced that a goal had been scored and awarded. One can imagine their thoughts when a free kick was given against them.

During a recent match the goalkeeper, after having gathered the ball, dropped it while near two opponents. During his efforts to regain possession he was charged by one opponent, after which the second opponent put the ball into the net. Being on the spot and quickly realising the sequence of events, I again awarded a free kick, and again it appeared that a goal had been awarded. Both these incidents having occurred within the goal area a goal could not be awarded, for in Law 8 it states that "a goalkeeper shall not be charged except when he is holding the ball, or obstructing an opponent, or when he has passed outside the goal area."

On another occasion the goalkeeper had possession of the ball and failed to part with it quickly. He was fairly charged by an attacker, with the result that he was somewhat unbalanced. Before he could regain his feet he was again fairly charged by another player, with the result that he took more than the two steps as permitted by the law.

Goalkeepers who will hold the ball invite trouble. I remember a goalkeeper who, in his endeavours to part with the ball when about to be charged, unfortunately threw it into his own goal. This, of course, seldom happens.

Once a goalkeeper leaves his goal area, the close protection afforded him is somewhat modified, for then he is treated as an ordinary player

and may be charged even when not in possession of the ball. Again, it is an offence for the goalkeeper to use his hands other than for gathering the ball.

I Saw It.

During a recent match I chanced to be in such a position to witness the following:—The goalkeeper left his goal in an attempt to gather a high ball, but miscalculated its flight. The ball was travelling to an opponent well inside, who was about to put it into the net. Realising his inability to gather the ball with outstretched arm, the goalkeeper pulled the opponent back. This, of course, was contrary to Law 9, and a penalty kick was awarded against him.

Thus we see that while a goalkeeper is protected in certain areas, there is a limit to his privileges.

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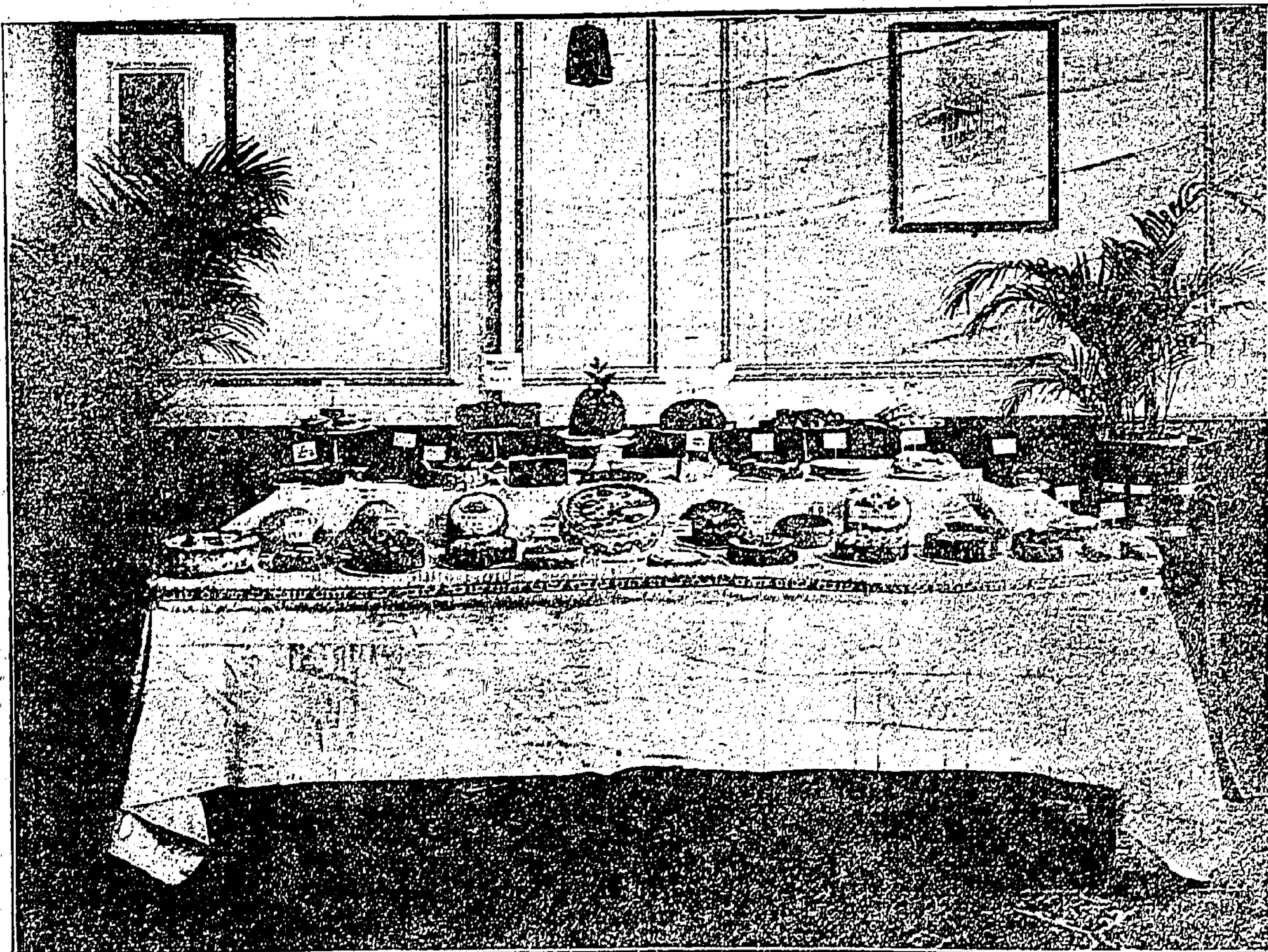
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Nagasaki	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	NW	0	...	...	...	30.20	767.0	...	...	NNW	1	...										
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Swatow	...	30.00	762.0	54	77	N	1	...	...	...	30.16	765.8	44	85	N	4	...										
Taihou	11	30.07	763.8	66	82	E	4	...	...	5	30.26	768.6	52	92	E	2	...										
Taichu	...	30.05	763.2	70	...	N	2	...	...	...	30.11	764.7	55	...	N	2	...										
Tainan	...	30.01	762.3	75	...	NNW	2	...	...	...	30.06	763.5	55	...	N	4	...										
Koshu	...	29.99	761.7	75	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	30.02	762.6	66	...	NNE	4	...										
Pescadores	...	30.02	762.6	70	...	NNE	6	...	...	...	30.11	764.7	59	...	NNE	4	...										
Hong Kong	14	30.01	762.2	59	80	N	2	...	...	6	30.19	766.8	47	80	N	3	...										
Gap Rock	...	30.00	762.0	67	...	NNW	5	...	...	...	30.16	766.0	47	...	NNW	5	...										
Macao	...	30.01	762.2	66	87	NNE	4	...	...	...	30.20	767.1	40	85	N	4	...										
Hoihow	...	29.98	761.4	67	90	ESE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Pratas Island	...	29.94	760.5	74	80	NE	4	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	68	88	NNE	6	...										
Phu Lien	15	29.94	760.5	74	100	ESE	4	...	...	7	30.21	767.4	50	...	NNE	6	...										
Tourane	...	29.89	759.3	77	...	ESE	4	...	...	...	30.00	762.1	72	...	E	4	...										
Cape St. James	...	29.84	757.8	77	...	ESE	4	...	...	...	29.90	759.4	75	...	ESE	6	...										
Basco	14	29.86	758.4	72	92	NE	4	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Apurri	...	29.84	757.8	82	63	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Tuguegarao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Vigan	...	29.80	758.9	82	63	NW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Manila	...	29.81	757.2	84	55	WSW	2	...	...	...	29.89	759.3	66	90	NE	1	...										
Legaspi	...	29.79	756.6	86	68	NE	2	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	75	96	N	1	...										
Calbayog	...	29.78	756.3	90	72	SW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Tacloban	...	29.78	756.3	84	71	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Iloilo	...	29.76	756.0	86	61	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Cebu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Surigao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.75	755.6	77	...	ESE	5	...										
Guam	12.22	29.65	753.0	...	...	S	2	...	...	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
Yap	11.00	29.68	753.9	...	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	29.71	754.5	...	...	NW	1	...										
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.75	755.9	78	...	NE	1	...										
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.82	757.4	78	...	E	2	...										
Labuan	14	29.81	757.2	86	65	W	4	...	...	6	29.79	756.6	77	91	...	...	...										

December 22d. 11A. 25m.—A strong anticyclone remains central over N. China. The position of the Guam typhoon is doubtful. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Shanghai warning, 21d. 16A 55m.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 10° N. Long. 142° E., moving N.W. Recd. 21d. 17A. 30m. Manila warning, 22d. 9A. 20m.—Typhoon in Lat. 11° N. Long. 141° E., moving N.W. Recd. 22d. 9A. 38m. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.08 inch. Total since January 1, 69.68 inches, against an average of 82.78 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 23.

- 1.—Formosa Channel.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 22.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.3	30.25	30.30
Temperature	56	49	49
Humidity	53	72	69
Wind—			
Direction	NNW	N	N
Force	0	3	1
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.0	0.07
Highest open-air Temperature	21.63		
Lowest open-air Temperature	22.46		

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

CLEARANCES.

December 21.

Amagisan Maru, for Hongkong.
Antung, for Amoy.
Anyo Maru, for Moji.
Canton Maru, for Swatow.
Cyclops, for Singapore.
Foshing, for Swatow.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.
Hermud, for Canton.
Hiram, for Swatow.
Ichong, for Swatow.
Khiva, for Shanghai.
Kiungchow, for Swatow.
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Ruyjin Maru, for Whampoa.
Storviken, for Whampoa.
Suiyang, for Swatow.
Sunning, for Canton.
Tijlboot, for Swatow.
Wing Wo, for K.C. Wan.
December 22.
Hakusan Maru, for Shanghai.
Hop Sang, for Canton.
Kanchow, for Shanghai.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 23 to 29, 1929.

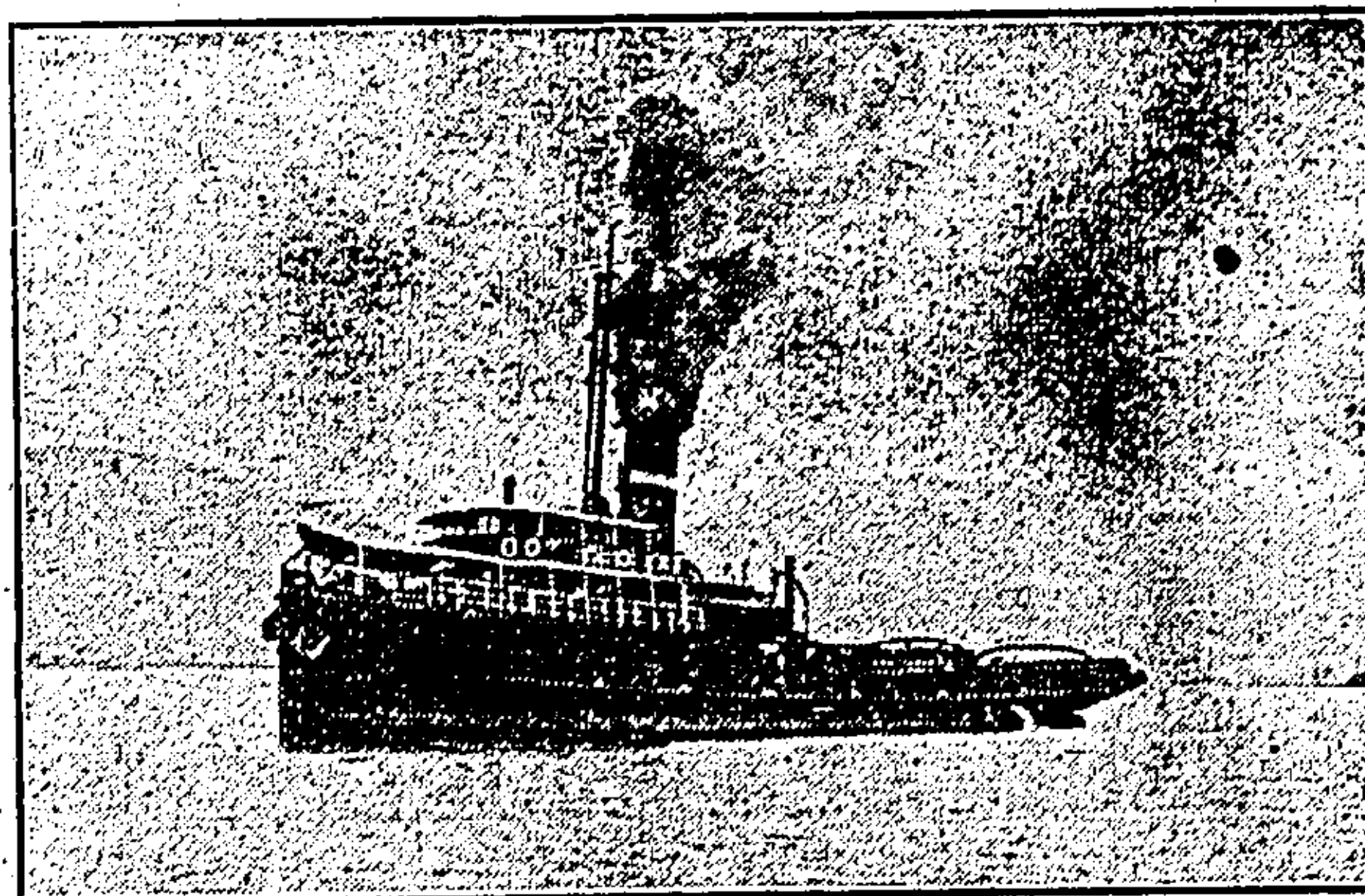
Days of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	23	h. m.	6.15	h. m.	1.9
		4.0	4.9	9.15	4.3
Tues.	24	h. m.	5.58	h. m.	2.3
		5.33	5.4	11.1	3.2
Wed.	25	h. m.	5.23	h. m.	2.7
		6.9	5.8	—	3.1
Thurs.	26	h. m.	6.34	h. m.	3.0
		6.41	6.3	11.59	3.0
Fri.	27	h. m.	7.11	h. m.	2.5
		7.11	6.7	0.32	3.3
Sat.	28	h. m.	8.45	h. m.	1.9
		7.40	7.1	1.4	3.4
Sun.	29	h. m.	9.45	h. m.	1.6
		8.10	7.4	1.36	3.5

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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Wed., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SEAL & KOBE	"HOSANG" ... "NAMSANG"	Sun., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m. Fri., 31st Jan., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTTA	"KUTSANG" ... "TUENSANG" ... "SUISANG"	Satur., 29th Dec., at 3 p.m. Mon., 6th Jan., at 3 p.m. Fri., 17th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" ... "HINSANG"	Satur., 28th Dec., at 3 p.m. Mon., 6th Jan., at Noon
TIENTSIN via FOOCHEW & WEI-HAI-WEI	"CHEONGSHING" ... "CHIFSHING"	Wed., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m. Sun., 12th Jan., at 7 a.m.

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Shipping News

Week-End Statement, Waterfront News.

WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 37,010 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
40,000 TONS.

The cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the week-end ending at 9 a.m. yesterday carried by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

For Saturday 9 a.m.

British	Cargo for Through	Ports.
Yingchow,	Dairen 600	1,100
Chinese Prince,	Boston 200	100
Sibera,	Samarang 6,300	—
Hydrangea,	Swatow 150	—
Cyclops,	Glasgow —	3,110
Anking,	Amoy —	1,610
American	—	7,250 — 5,920
Standard Arrow,	Happong 60	—
Fres. Madison,	Seattle 3,230	2,630
Dutch	—	3,290 — 2,330
Tjilboet,	Java Ports 3,710	2,370
Norwegian	—	3,710 — 2,370
Hellas,	Bangkok 920	—
Promise,	Haiphong 1,700	—
Portuguese	—	2,020 —
Nam Pang,	Hoihow 200	—
Japanese	—	200 —
Lushan Maru,	Swatow 160	700
Ryujin Maru,	Keelung 290	1,450
Towa Maru,	Dairen 3,430	—
	—	3,550 — 2,150
Total	20,050	13,100

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	6	4
Dutch	2	0
Norwegian	2	0
Portuguese	1	0
Japanese	3	0
Chinese	1	3
German	0	1
Danish	0	1
Total	16	11

Yesterday 9 a.m.

British	Cargo for Through	Ports.
Kanchow,	Canton —	150
Kalgan,	Bangkok 1,100	—
Cheongshing,	Canton 60	—
Khiva,	London 920	5,330
Sunning,	Tsingtao 700	920
American	—	2,550 — 6,390
Pennsylvania,	S. Francisco 1,940	2,940
Norwegian	—	1,940 — 2,940
Hermid,	Pt. Wallat —	2,110
Fengal,	Vila Barre 2,850	—
Tonjer,	Chinwangtao 2,100	2,300
	—	3,040 — 4,410

(Continued on next column.)

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DRIFTING TREE TRUNKS SIGHTED.

Captain E. C. Dickinson, master of the s.s. Khiva which arrived from London and Singapore reports having sighted several tree trunks and large logs on December 18, six days after leaving Singapore. The master considers that they are dangerous to navigation. No position is given.

Collision off Jardine's Wharf.

A junk collision occurred near Jardine's Wharf, West Point, on Saturday morning when a steam launch collided with a junk, which was in tow. The impact of the collision held the junk's side and she soon sank. The junk people on board were saved but the mistress received injuries to her face.

Aground on the Canton River.

The s.s. Cheong Shing arriving from Canton reports having gone aground on the second bar on the Canton River at 10.25 p.m. on December 21, in 9 feet of water. The vessel refloated at midnight without mishap and continued her voyage.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the week-end ending at 9 a.m. on Saturday:—

Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow	103
Anking (Br.) Amoy and Swatow	891
Tjilboet (Dut.) Java Ports	285
Lushan Maru (Jap.) Swatow	28
Total	1,273

Yesterday 9 a.m.

Kalgan (Br.) Bangkok and Swatow	43
Sunning (Br.) Tsingtao and Swatow	147
Chang Kiang (French) Haiphong and Pakhoi	20
Hakusan Maru (Jap.) Mid-dleshore and S'pore	141
Total	351

Danish

Panama,	1,690	7,300
Copenhagen	1,690	7,300

French

Chang Kiang,	3,800	—
Haiphong	3,800	—
Total	7,600	—

Japanese

Kine Maru,	60	30
Yokohama	60	30
Hakusan Maru,	1,100	3,560
Middlest.	1,250	5,920
Total	16,620	20,060

Chinese

Tak Hing,	60	—
Macao	60	—
Total	120	—

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	6	10
Norwegian	1	1
Danish	1	0
French	1	1
Japanese	3	4
Chinese	1	1
Portuguese	0	1
Dutch	0	1
Total	16	20

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"RAJPUTANA"	16,688	4th Jan.	P'ney, Marsa & L'don.
"LAHORE"	5,304	11th Jan. [Marsa]	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'm. & A'warp
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Marsa, London, R'm. & A'warp
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	28th Jan. [Marsa]	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'm. & A'warp
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	13th Feb.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'm. & A'warp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	19th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MAGDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,855	8th Mar. [Marsa]	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'm. & A'warp
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, B'm. & A'warp
"RAJWALPINDI"	16,619	22nd Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,688	28th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Marsa, L'don, B'm. & A'warp
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May	Bombay, Marsa & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May [Marsa]	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'm. & A'warp
"KHIVA"	9,135	7th June	Marseilles & London.
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	6th Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	19th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,241	8th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,326	18th Feb.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	3rd Mar.	do.

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"NELORE"	6,853	31st Jan.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,856	28th Feb.	do.

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"TAKADA"	6,949	15th Dec. 1929	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MANTUA"	10,946	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELORE"	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SHIRALA"	7,241	15th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHMIR"	9,855	28th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKLIWA"	7,326	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MAGDONIA"	11,120	31st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,856	4th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	10th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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